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From the President

The transformational power of faculty and discovery in action

Whenever I speak with members of our faculty and ask them about their jobs and what excites them most about it, there is usually strong consensus. Nothing, they tell me, is more exciting than standing on the edge of discovery and knowing they've helped advance understanding of a particular field of knowledge. They pursue this knowledge with uncommon focus because they wish to share their wonderful sense of discovery with their students.

The potential for innovation or transformational change is great, they say, when they wear both the hats of "researcher" and "teacher."

One of the definitions of a great national university is that teaching and discovery are not mutually exclusive realms; indeed, at the best national universities, teaching and discovery are often one and the same, and are often done by the same people. Our University is very blessed in this respect. We have countless faculty members who further our University research *and* teaching missions. These faculty members ignite passion in their students for their various subjects because they are on the forefront of solving real problems and providing tech and intellectual transfer through world-improving research and creativity.

Our University's newest Foundation Professors are clear examples of this important interconnection between teaching and research. All three—Iain Buxton, chair of the Department of Pharmacology; Dhanesh Chandra, metallurgical and materials professor; and Eric Rasmussen, English professor and world-renowned Shakespeare and modern drama scholar—are recognized leaders in their respective areas of research and scholarly endeavor.

They've contributed in profound ways to the world's understanding of pre-term labor, X-ray diffraction and hydrogen storage, and the compilation, scholarly editing and interpretation of the world's most influential writer.

Perhaps even more importantly, these distinguished faculty members have inspired and prepared many of their students to follow a similar path. In their own way, all three of these professors, by virtue of their own cutting-edge research and investigation, have introduced their students to new worlds of knowledge and understanding.

I'll leave this to the Shakespearean scholar in residence on our campus to help me fortify my message. As Eric Rasmussen has so aptly put it, "You have to achieve that balance, of being very intellectually vested in the material, but at the same time making it accessible and available to your students."

This is why so many professors, like Eric, perform research at our University, achieving a duality of purpose and achievement that can mean everything for an institution. And this is why we are building a remarkable national Tier I research university—through the work of talented faculty who excel in the classroom, who are at the forefront of impactful work done in the research laboratory, and who give all those around them the rare opportunity to see the transformational power of discovery in action.

Sincerely,

Marc C. Johnson

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Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

University President Marc Johnson and University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board Chair Felicia O'Carroll '76 present English professor Eric Rasmussen (center) with the 2013 Foundation Professor award.

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2013 Foundation Professor Dhanesh Chandra and research assistant Anasuya Adibhatla, '09 (chemical engineering), '13Ph.D. (chemical engineering) are pictured with laboratory equipment he built piece-by-piece as part of a U.S. Department of Energy Metal Hydride Center of Excellence project to test the effects of impurities in hydrogen gas on performance of hydrides. Photo by Jamie Kingham '93.



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Breaking Ground: Research at Nevada

By Roseann Keegan. Photos by Jeff Dow.



Department of Anthropology assistant professor Sarah Cowie, assisted by archeology field school student Patrick Burt (far left) and project heritage specialist Chris LeBlanc, oversees an excavation at the historic Stewart Indian School in Carson City, Nev.

Monster goldfish, stolen Shakespeare texts, cars that run on hydrogen ... research findings at the University of Nevada, Reno could play muse to hundreds of plot lines.

At the heart of it all is a strong desire, shared by Nevada's faculty, to make the world a better place.

Nevada has been at the forefront of research, scholarship and artistic endeavors for more than a century. The science of snow surveying was pioneered by Nevada classics professor James Church (the namesake of Church Fine Arts) in the early 20th century. Today, Nevada researchers excel on an international level in fields as varied as renewable energy, earthquake engineering and environmental literature.

The University has more than 60 research centers and facilities, and dozens of state-of-the-art laboratories. The institution's research enterprise includes one of the most sophisticated large-scale structures laboratories in the country and the Nevada Terawatt Facility, which houses the most powerful laser on a college campus.

With more than \$80 million in sponsored research awards in 2011, a figure roughly double that of UNLV, the University is the leading research enterprise in the Nevada System of Higher Education.

"The University holds a unique position in the state's educational system," says Kevin Carman, executive vice president and provost. "As a Tier 1 respected research and teaching university, we are committed to intellectual leadership and excellence in teaching and research and to engaging students in all aspects of our mission. As a Land Grant institution, the University has a special obligation to translate basic research into practical applications that serve the needs of Nevada citizens and to communicate these discoveries to the entire world.

"In fostering such translational research, Nevada will continue to be a catalyst for intellectual, social and technological change that will benefit all of humanity," Carman adds.

"An unacceptable problem"

Since 1988, Iain Buxton, chair of the Department of Pharmacology, has been looking into the problem of premature delivery by studying uterine muscle, the last and ultimate arbiter of delivery of a baby. He was one of six researchers nationwide to receive a share of \$2.6 million in preterm birth research grants from the March of Dimes to support his work.

More than half a million babies in the United States each year are born prematurely—before 37 weeks gestation—and 20,000 die, Buxton says. Early birth can result in long hospital stays for newborns and numerous health issues, including difficulty breathing, blindness and mental retardation. Prematurity is the cause of 75 percent of the need for pediatric care.

"In fostering both research and its application, Nevada will continue to be a catalyst for positive intellectual, social and technological change."

—Kevin Carman, University executive vice president and provost

"Long-term effects cost society dearly in treasure and tragedy," he said.

Buxton says the fact that this happens in our modern world is, in a word, "unacceptable."

"The problem of premature delivery is a devastating human problem that takes its toll



Patrick Burt, a member of the Washoe Tribe of California and Nevada, assists Sarah Cowie in sifting through their archeological findings.

both in lives and dollars," says Buxton, a 2013 Foundation Professor and recipient of the 2008 Outstanding Researcher Award. "We hope to contribute to an understanding of the onset of labor in order to help eliminate the problem of premature delivery."

Thomas Kozel, a professor and researcher at the University of Nevada School of Medicine for more than 40 years, is one of the leading researchers in the study of cryptococcal meningitis, a life-threatening fungal infection in AIDS patients.

At the core of Kozel's work is the hope to bring diagnostic testing to resource-limited environments like Africa, which could translate to more people seeking and receiving the medical treatment they need.

"About 80 percent of people in sub-Saharan Africa have no access to modern medical facilities," says Kozel, recipient of the 2012 Outstanding Researcher and 1984 Foundation Professor awards. "When they are sick, they may walk many miles for medical care, then they're sent back to their village to wait for the test results. By the time they're supposed to return to the medical center, the infection may be untreatable."

Cryptococcal meningitis kills more than

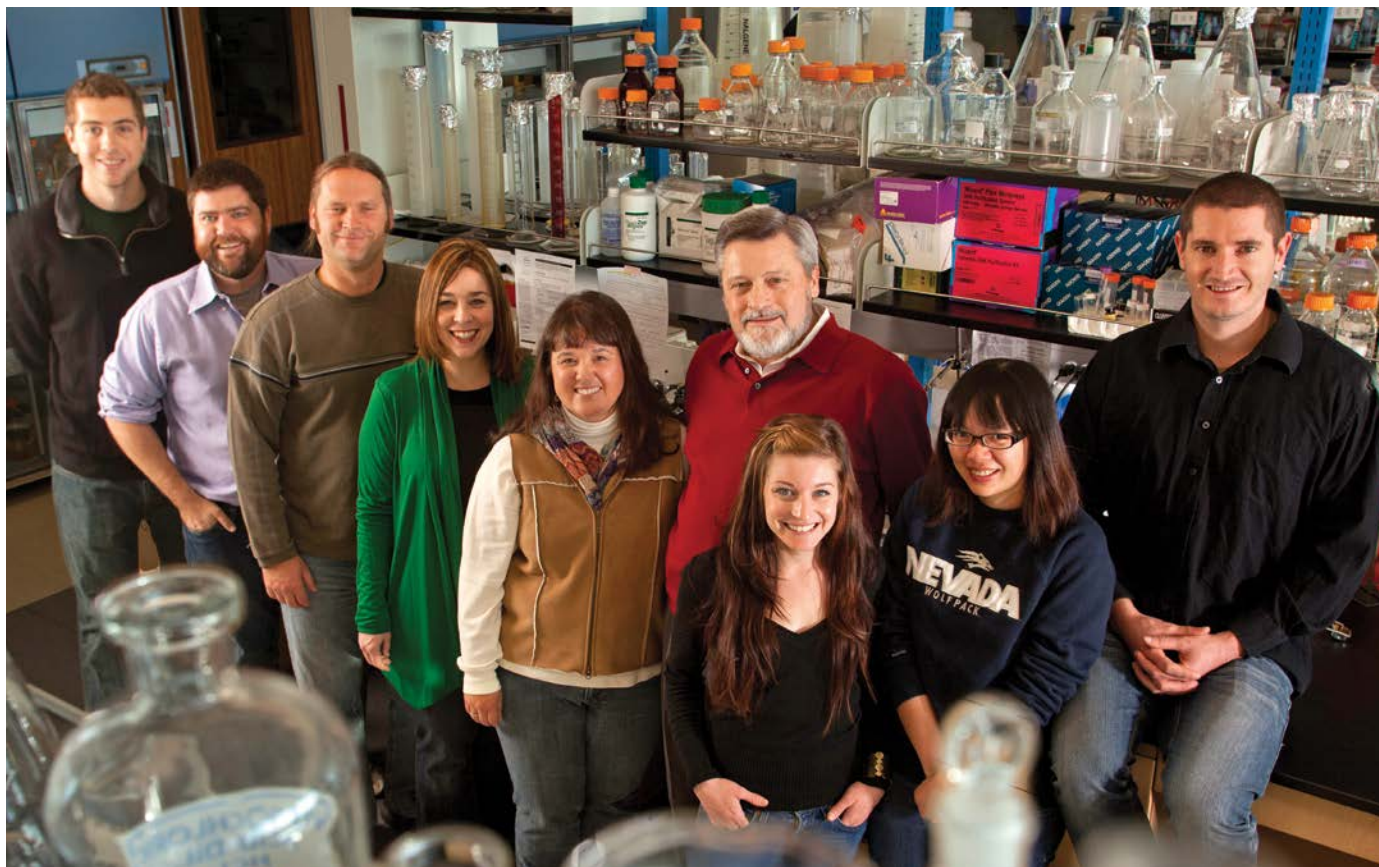


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2013 Foundation Professor Iain Buxton, chair of the Department of Pharmacology, is pictured in his lab at the Center for Molecular Medicine. From left: Charles Cullison, Scott Barnett '11, Nate Heyman, research assistant professor Heather Burkin, associate professor Cherie Singer '93, Iain Buxton, Sara Thompson '10, Yi-Ying Wu and Craig Ulrich.

500,000 people with HIV/AIDS each year in sub-Saharan Africa alone, more than the number of deaths attributed to tuberculosis. The diagnostic test developed in a collaboration between the Kozel laboratory and Immuno-Mycologics, a private sector partner, was recently cleared by the FDA and is recommended for use by the World Health Organization. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that use of the test can save 50,000 to 100,000 lives each year.

Driving the future

College of Engineering professor Dhanesh Chandra may have the clean-energy solution to gasoline-powered cars.

Chandra, a 2013 Foundation Professor known for his work on X-ray diffraction and hydrogen storage, is working on an ambitious project to pave the way for cars to run solely on hydrogen cells.

When he joined the University's faculty

in 1987, there was little in the way of modern crystallographic laboratory equipment on campus. From the ground up, Chandra built a well-respected laboratory utilizing thermodynamic and crystallographic modeling to guide his research. He has completed several projects for federal government agencies, including

the U.S. Department of Energy, Los Alamos National Laboratory and the U.S. Department of Defense.

Heady stuff, but Chandra just shrugs and smiles, and proudly shows a visitor another giant piece of laboratory equipment he built piece-by-piece for a U.S. Department of Energy Metal Hydride Center of Excellence project to test the effect of impurities in hydrogen gas on the performance of hydrides.

"This is what I do," Chandra smiles. "I love my work, I love to teach."

For the past 29 years at Nevada, Faramarz Gordaninejad has had a major role in the advancement and expansion of the University's Department of Mechanical Engineering. This year, the department was ranked 103 in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Gordaninejad, recipient of the 2012 Regents' Researcher Award and a 2000 Foundation Professor, has become one of the world's leading experts in the field of smart fluids and flexible solids, which can change properties in milli-

60 plus

research centers and facilities at the University of Nevada, Reno along with dozens of laboratories.



Photo courtesy Sudeep Chandra

Christine Ngai Ryan, staff researcher at the University's Aquatic Ecosystems Laboratory, holds large bass collected from Lake Tahoe. Warm water invasive fish species are invading the lake as a result of changes in near-shore habitat, impacting the native ecology of the lake.

seconds in a magnetic field. Such materials are used in cars to increase safety and comfort.

"The main effort has been on fundamental understanding of smart materials' behavior and the development of smart systems, which can control damping and stiffness properties of a variety of land vehicles, mechanical systems and structures to reduce shock and vibration, and increase safety," he says.

All the world's a lab

One of the world's most renowned Shakespeare and early modern drama scholars, who has been tapped to work with actors Dame Judi Dench and Sir Ian McKellen, is here at Nevada, at the disposal of students at the College of Liberal Arts.

Eric Rasmussen, a 2013 Foundation Professor, specializes in the areas of scholarly editing, bibliography and textual criticism. Rasmussen co-edited *"The Royal Shakespeare Company Complete Works of Shakespeare,"*

now the standard text for Shakespeare studies and dramatic productions. He has garnered numerous grants and fellowships, including nearly a million dollars in awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities for his research on the New Variorum *Hamlet* project.

One of his projects, which culminated in the book, *The Shakespeare Thefts: In Search of the First Folios*, follows Rasmussen and his graduate assistants as they traveled the world in search of playwright William Shakespeare's missing texts.

"This University has been very supportive of my work, my research and my travel," Rasmussen says. "I really think Nevada is one of the better-kept secrets."

The field work of Gary Haynes, a 2012 Foundation Professor and former chair of the Department of Anthropology, continues annually in southern Africa, where he has been carrying out actualistic studies of elephants for three decades. His work has encompassed three major research themes:



Gautam named vice president for research and innovation

Mridul Gautam has been named vice president for research and innovation for the University of Nevada, Reno. He comes to Nevada from West Virginia University in Morgantown, W. Va., where he serves as associate vice president for research and vice president of the West Virginia University Research Corporation.

"Universities are about opportunity and the University of Nevada, Reno is ripe for further development of business and industry partnerships," said Gautam, who will start with the University on Oct. 1. "We will work toward creating an enabling atmosphere on campus where we become a portal, ready to connect industry with the right office or faculty member."

During Gautam's tenure in research administration, WVU has achieved increases in research and sponsored project funding. A champion of faculty development, Gautam created programs and workshops to prepare candidates for membership on national committees and candidacy for National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development Awards and other major multi-institutional and multidisciplinary awards.

Gautam will take over the role from Marsha Read '68, '69M.S. who has served in the dual roles of vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School since 2008. Read, who received the University's 2013 Distinguished Service Award, will continue as dean of the Graduate School and looks forward to supporting the transition with Gautam.

—Jane Tors '82



Photo by Mike Wolterbeek



Photo courtesy Gary Haynes

LEFT: Thomas Kozel, a 1984 Foundation Professor and researcher at the University of Nevada School of Medicine for more than 40 years, is one of the leading researchers in the study of cryptococcal meningitis, a life-threatening fungal infection in AIDS patients. RIGHT: 2012 Foundation Professor Gary Haynes has been carrying out actualistic studies of elephants for three decades in southern Africa.

the relative effects of humans and climate upon large mammal species during the late Ice Age; the initial population of North America over 13,000 years ago; and the prehistory of the largest national park in Zimbabwe. He is closely collaborating with African scientists to learn more about the changing Pleistocene-Holocene paleoenvironments of northwestern Zimbabwe and the complexities of human prehistory in that part of the continent.

"My research is all about how humans shape what we think of as wilderness in North America and Africa," Haynes says. "I am especially interested in the discontinuous cycles of colonization, abandonment and recolonization in Africa and Asia that eventually led to the settlement of Australia and the Americas."

Haynes has received multiple research grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Geographic Society, the Fulbright Scholar Program, the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research and The Leakey Foundation, among others.

He has authored several books about all aspects of his work, including two from Cambridge University Press and more than 100 journal articles about his research.

Department of Anthropology assistant professor Sarah Cowie is leading an archeological

excavation this summer at the historic Stewart Indian School in Carson City, which was open 1890 to 1980. The project is partnership with the Nevada Indian Commission and the Washoe Tribal Historic Preservation Office, and students in the archeology field school earn six University credits. The excavations could yield important information about the school's early history and provide interpretive information and historical artifacts for the future Stewart Indian School Cultural Center.

"One of the main goals with the project is to combine teaching and research with collaborative work with local Native American tribes and organizations," says Cowie, who recently received the prestigious John L. Cotter Award from the Society for Historical Archaeology. "We also hope the project will give back to native communities in educating the public about Native American history in Nevada, as well as the contributions of native peoples today."

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in sponsored research awards in 2011. The University is the leading research enterprise in Nevada's Higher Education System.



Photo by Krissy Clark

Peter Goin, 1996 Foundation Professor and chair of the Department of Art, takes photographs at Lake Tahoe's Emerald Bay. Goin is documenting the changing face of Lake Tahoe through the lens of a camera and compiling the results. The Lake Tahoe archive will include historical views spanning from the 19th century to Goin's interpretations of the Tahoe landscape.

Discoveries in our own backyard

Research by University faculty and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has shown the Tahoe Keys, on the lake's south shore, is the primary spawning area for non-native, warm-water fish, including monster-sized goldfish.

"In Lake Tahoe, since 1960, there has been a tenfold decline in native fishes, but what we also know is that these recent invaders could further depress the native population through competition and predation," says Sudeep Chandra, a freshwater scientist in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Science and director of the University's Aquatic Ecosystems Analysis Laboratory.

Another component of the project is tagging the fish as a means to monitor them.

"We are trying to determine the extent to which these fish are moving into the main part of the lake and when and where they might be

moving," says Chandra, 2010 recipient of the American Fisheries Society California-Nevada Chapter Award of Excellence.

Peter Goin, 1996 Foundation Professor and chair of the Department of Art, is documenting the changing face of Lake Tahoe through the lens of a camera. He is the author of several books, including *Stopping Time: A Rephotographic Survey of Lake Tahoe*, *South Lake Tahoe: Then & Now*, *Lake Tahoe: A Maritime History* and *Lake Tahoe*.

The Lake Tahoe archive will include historical views spanning from the 19th century to Goin's interpretations of the Tahoe landscape. The archive will embrace decades of work by many Nevada researchers who recognize that the study of this sensitive lake must continue today and into the future, Goin says.

"What more can we ask of our professors—research scholars and creative artists—than to explore the world nearby, the spectacular and significant Lake Tahoe, amidst the bioregion in which we live?" Goin says. [N](#)

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—Peter Goin, 1996 Foundation Professor and chair of the Department of Art

Great faculty: Leading the way to a stronger Nevada

At the University of Nevada, Reno, our educators never stand still. Our faculty constantly reflects on how students learn, conduct research and participate in professional development to ensure the continuous advancement of our students' learning experience at Nevada.

The Board of Regents, the University, and local and national organizations present prestigious honors each year to honor and acknowledge Nevada's top faculty. Please join me in congratulating this year's slate of award winners, who share a commitment to excellence that has become the hallmark of a University of Nevada, Reno education.

—Kevin Carman, executive vice president and provost

Peter Epstein '04M.M.

Regents' Creative Activity Award

Since coming to Nevada in 2003, Peter Epstein '04M.M. (music) has taken on many roles both within and outside the institution. In addition to teaching saxophone, world music, jazz and improvisational music for the Uni-

versity's Department of Music, Epstein serves as director of the University's program in jazz and improvisational music, as well as assistant director of the Reno Jazz Festival. Outside of his role as an educator, Epstein is also a world-renowned musician, having released more than 50 collaborative recordings and toured in more than 25 countries.

He has performed with the Absolute Ensemble and the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra in Australia; recorded and toured in Sweden as a member of the Epstein Alliance (a band he co-leads with his father, saxophonist Ed Epstein); and performed at the Kathmandu Jazz festival in Nepal. Later this summer, Epstein plans to tour and record in Scandinavia with Swedish musicians Peter Nilson and Johnny Aman, and will later record in New York City.

Elena Pravosudova

Regents' Academic Advisor Award, Undergraduate

Originally from St. Petersburg, Russia, Elena Pravosudova is an associate professor of biology in the University's College of Science. Pravosudova joined the University in 2007. She has a master's in zoology from St. Petersburg

University in Russia and a Ph.D. in evolution, ecology and organismal biology from The Ohio State University. Over the past few years, she has shifted her focus from research to undergraduate teaching and advising.

Principles of Biological Investigations, taught by Pravosudova, was one of only 36 courses internationally to receive a 2012 Blackboard Catalyst Award for Exemplary Courses from Blackboard Inc. The international company works with clients to develop and implement technology that improves education.

Robert Ostergard

Regents' Academic Advisor Award, Graduate

Robert Ostergard received his bachelor's in political science and economics in 1992 from the University of Massachusetts and his master's and doctorate degrees in political science from the State University of New York, Binghamton. He served as the associate director of the Institute of Global Cultural Studies and assistant professor of political science at the State University of New York, Binghamton from 2000-06. He is an associate professor of political science and director of graduate stud-



Peter Epstein '04M.M.



Elena Pravosudova



Robert Ostergard

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Iain Buxton

Iain Buxton

Foundation Professor

Iain Buxton, chair of the Department of Pharmacology, has taught a wide range of pharmacology courses during his 28 years at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. He has contributed to the most recent transformation of the pre-clinical curriculum at the School of Medicine, a transformation that has profound effects on how pharmacology is taught. Buxton has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles and contributed to three textbooks in pharmacology and therapeutics. He has received the 2011 Regents' Researcher Award, the 2011 Vada Trimble Outstanding Mentor Award and the University's 2008 Outstanding Researcher Award.

Dhanesh Chandra

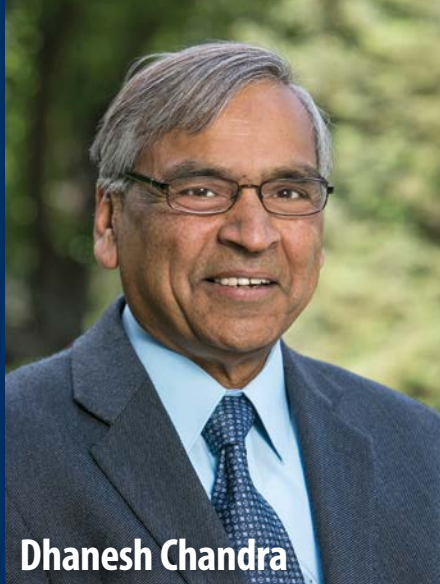
Foundation Professor

Dhanesh Chandra, a metallurgical and materials professor at the College of Engineering, is an international researcher known for his work on X-ray diffraction and hydrogen storage. Since joining the University's faculty in 1987, he has built a well-respected laboratory for the University utilizing thermodynamic and crystallographic modeling to guide his research. Chandra's research is in the advanced areas of energy storage and conservation; such as low-pressure solid state hydrogen storage, organic crystals for thermal energy storage and others. He was awarded the Mackay School of Mines Outstanding Teacher Award in 1991 and the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award in 2000.

Eric Rasmussen

Foundation Professor

Eric Rasmussen, a world-renowned Shakespeare and early modern drama scholar, specializing in the areas of scholarly editing,



Dhanesh Chandra

bibliography and textual criticism. Rasmussen co-edited "The Royal Shakespeare Company Complete Works of Shakespeare," now the standard text for Shakespeare studies and dramatic productions. He has been awarded the Alan Bible, F. Donald Tibbitts and Nevada Regents' teaching awards.

Marsha Read '68, '69M.S.

Distinguished Faculty Award

Appointed dean of the Graduate School in 2008, Marsha Read identifies strategic issues affecting graduate education at the University and has oversight of graduate student progress and the rules and regulations governing graduate education at Nevada. From 2008 through this year, Read, who began her faculty career at Nevada in 1973, was also the interim vice president for research, overseeing the administrative processes related to the University's sponsored research. From 2005-08, she served as associate vice president for research and associate dean



Marsha Read '68, '69M.A.



Eric Rasmussen

of the Graduate School. Read joined the Graduate School's administration as associate dean in 2000. From 1996-2000, Read was chair of the University's Department of Nutrition.

Chris Cheney

Distinguished Service Award

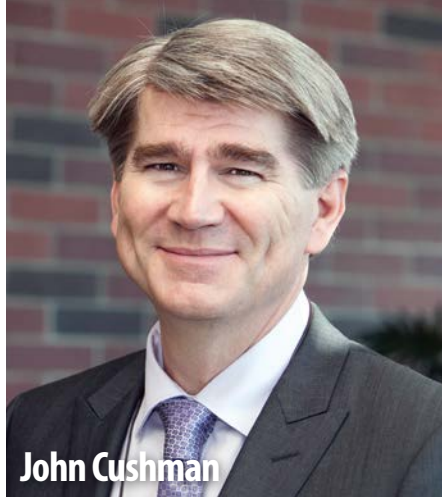
Christine Cheney, dean emerita of the College of Education, joined Nevada in 1984 as assistant professor in special education after completing her doctoral work at Indiana University. She was promoted to associate professor in 1990 and to professor in 1997. In 2003, she became founding department chair of the new Department of Educational Specialties, and in 2010 was named dean of the College of Education. She has received the Regents' Undergraduate Advisor Award (2001), the University Distinguished Teacher Award (2002), the Outstanding College of Education Outreach Award (2003) and the President's Award for Outstanding University Service (2004).



Chris Cheney



Matthew Forister



John Cushman



Kristen Clements-Nolle



Erika Ryst, M.D.



Kent Ervin



**Susan Donaldson '81,
'90M.S., '94Ph.D.**

ies for the Political Science Department. His research is in the areas of the political economy of intellectual property rights, political violence, and human and international security issues, particularly of sub-Saharan Africa. In 2012, he received the University Graduate Academic Advisor Award.

His current research includes projects on global health and human rights, political assassinations and the impact of women's rights on the spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa. He previously served as series co-editor of the Ashgate-book series *Global Health* and has served as a consultant for the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Commission on HIV/AIDS and Governance in Africa, the Council on Foreign Relations, UNAIDS.

Matthew Forister

Regents' Rising Researcher Award

Matthew Forister, associate professor in the Department of Biology, came to Nevada in 2006 as research faculty in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Science and joined the biology faculty two years later. Forister runs a lab dedicated to the ecology of insects and plants, and works on issues that include the origins of biodiversity and shifts in

diet in native animals adapting to exotic plants.

Since joining the department, Forister has published 27 articles in peer-reviewed journals and has garnered more than \$1.3 million in federal and local funding. Funded projects have supported local graduate students and undergraduates as they have conducted research in the Great Basin and across the tropics.

Forister has served on dozens of graduate student committees, and in 2012 received the Steven Jenkins Graduate Mentorship award, as well as the College of Science Mousel-Feltner Award for Excellence in Research. Forister is currently an associate editor for the international journal *Evolution*.

John Cushman

University Outstanding Researcher of the Year

John Cushman, a Foundation Professor and director of the Biochemistry Graduate Program in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, joined the University in 2000. Since then, he has raised more than \$17 million in extramural grant funding and has published more than 130 journal articles and book chapters. Cushman was named the 2003 Outstanding Researcher of the Year for the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and

Natural Resources.

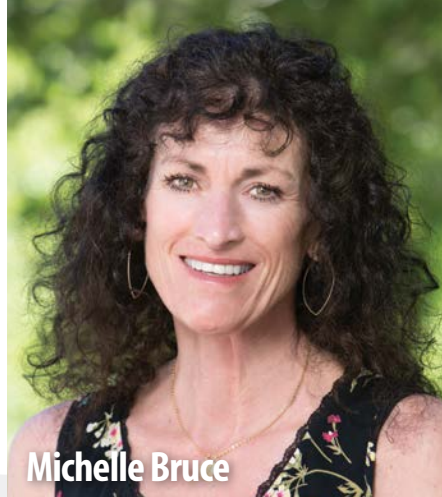
He is the biomass/biofuels group leader within the University's Renewable Energy Center, was chair of the Faculty Senate's Research and Grants Committee in 2012, a member of the Institutional Biosafety Committee and numerous other committees. He is also an associate editor for several scientific journals.

Kristen Clements-Nolle

F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award

Kristen Clements-Nolle is an associate professor of epidemiology in the School of Community Health Sciences and conducts workforce development training with the Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies (CASAT). Clements-Nolle teaches courses in epidemiology, research methods and HIV/AIDS. She also coordinates the master of public health culminating experience course and many students have published papers developed in this course in peer reviewed journals. She uses a variety a teaching techniques to engage students and enjoys mentoring students in her research lab.

Since joining the University in 2003, she has received several teaching awards, including the Division of Health Sciences Excellence



Michelle Bruce

in Teaching Award and the Master's of Public Health Teacher of the Year Award.

Erika Ryst, M.D.

Distinguished Outreach Faculty Award

Erika Ryst is a board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrist and associate professor at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, where she serves as the program director for the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship and as the interdisciplinary training director for the Nevada Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities program. She completed her undergraduate education at Stanford University, followed by medical school at the University of Southern California, and post-graduate general psychiatry residency and child psychiatry fellowship training at Harvard Medical School. Ryst has been on the school's faculty since 2004.

In addition to her training roles, Ryst serves as a consultant to the Washoe County School District and the Washoe County Department of Social Services. She also provides direct psychiatric diagnosis and treatment of children and adolescents in multiple settings throughout Reno.

Kent Ervin

Faculty Senate Award for Outstanding Service

Foundation Professor Kent Ervin joined the faculty of the Department of Chemistry in 1990. He holds bachelor's degrees from the University of Kansas and a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley. He primarily teaches physical chemistry courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Ervin's research group uses mass spectrometry techniques to study the reaction dynamics and energetics of ion-molecule reactions in the gas phase, with applications to combustion chemistry and catalysis.

As the University's faculty representative on the Nevada System of Higher Education Retirement Plan Advisory Committee since 2006 and



Peter Goin

former chair of its investment management subcommittee, Ervin has promoted improvements in investment options and reduced costs for the faculty defined contribution retirement plans. While serving on the Faculty Senate salary and benefits committee, twice as chair, he was a dedicated advocate for equitable health insurance coverage and domestic partner benefits for University employees.

Susan Donaldson '81, '90M.S., '94Ph.D.

Faculty Senate Award for Outstanding Service

Susan Donaldson '81 (biology), '90M.S. (hydrology/hydrogeology), '94Ph.D. (hydrology/hydrogeology) joined Cooperative Extension in 1994 as a water quality specialist. As a student, she recognized the importance of having a voice in University governance. Since that time, she has participated in numerous committees and special assignments in support of the University, culminating in service on the Faculty Senate beginning in 2011.

Donaldson also served as president of the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals in 2008 and as secretary of the Joint Council of Extension Professionals in 2009 to support Cooperative Extension at the national level.

Working with a group of professionals from western states, Donaldson developed the Living on the Land curriculum to help small-acreage landowners better protect their natural resources. The curriculum is in use across the United States and in several foreign countries.

She recently received the 2013 Wendell McCurry Excellence in Water Quality Award from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection.

Michelle Bruce

Distinguished Classified Employee Award

Michelle Bruce has been with the Division of Student Services for nearly 17 years, serving

as the alternative testing coordinator at the Disability Resource Center. Bruce supervises the alternative testing program, which involves overseeing the proctoring of exams for more than 225 students, totaling more than 1,700 exams per semester. She works closely with academic faculty ensuring protocols are followed and the integrity of exams is maintained.

Bruce also manages the Disability Resource Center budgets for both state and non-state accounts, participates in training and supervising student staff members, and is responsible for all purchasing and payroll accounts.


She has received recognition for her five, 10, and 15 years of service to the University, and was recognized as Classified Employee of the Month in 2005.

Peter Goin

Outstanding Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award

Peter Goin, 1996 Foundation Professor and chair of the Department of Art, is the author of *Tracing the Line: A Photographic Survey of the Mexican-American Border*; *Nuclear Landscapes*; *Stopping Time: A Rephotographic Survey of Lake Tahoe* and *Humanature*. In 2005, Goin and Paul F. Starrs served as co-authors of *Black Rock*, a dedicated investigation of the legendary desert region in northern Nevada.

Goin's photographs have been exhibited in more than 50 museums nationally and internationally, and he is the recipient of two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships. His video work has earned him an Emmy nomination as well as the Best Experimental Video Award at the 2001 New York International Film & Video Festival. At the turn of the new century, Goin was awarded the Governor's Millennium Award for Excellence in the Arts.

In fall of 2009, the Black Rock Institute Press published the fine art limited edition, slip-cased book titled *Nevada Rock Art*, Goin's focused study on Nevada's petroglyphs and pictographs. Reflecting his long-standing work studying Lake Tahoe, Goin was the author of *South Lake Tahoe: Then & Now* and co-author with Paul F. Starrs for *A Field Guide to California Agriculture*, which won the J. B. Jackson Prize for publishing excellence in 2010. 

—Roseann Keegan



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Faculty Awards and Accomplishments

In addition to the faculty featured elsewhere in this issue, outstanding faculty across campus and the state have distinguished themselves with notable accomplishments.

Jamie Anderson '91, School of Medicine: Appointed to a three-year term as a specialist on the editorial board of the *Rural and Remote Health Journal*.

Alicia Barber, College of Liberal Arts: W. Clark Santini Cup Award.

Berch Berberoglu, College of Liberal Arts, Campus Global Engagement Award, runner-up.

Marian Berryhill, College of Liberal Arts: College of Liberal Arts Dean's Award for Research.

Franco Biondi, College of Science: Harvard University's Charles Bullard Fellowship in Forest Research.

Carina Black '90, '92M.A., '97Ph.D., Northern Nevada International Center: Thornton Peace Prize.

Deborah Boehm, College of Liberal Arts: Fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies for 2013-14.

Teresa Byington, Anne Lindsay, Madeleine Sigman-Grant, Cooperative Extension:

National Institute of Food and Agriculture Partnership Award for Mission Integration of Research, Education and Extension, USDA; Program Award of Excellence, Western Extension Directors Association; third place Florence Hall Award, third place Family Health & Wellness Award (national), second place Family Health & Wellness Award (regional), National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; Health Award, USDA/Priester.

Melissa Burnham '94, '96M.S., Margaret Ferrara and Robert Ives, College of Education: Outstanding Community Outreach Award.

Gideon Caplovitz, College of Liberal Arts: Top-10 finalist Best Illusion of the Year contest by the Neural Correlate Society.

Dev Chidambaram, College of Engineering: College of Engineering faculty excellence award.

Amy Childress, College of Engineering: 2012 Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors Outstanding Publication Award.

Christopher Coake, College of Liberal Arts: Dr. Donald Mousel and Dr. William Feltner Award

for Excellence in Research and/or Creative Activity.

Charles Coronella, College of Engineering: The Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Alternative Energy Technologies for 2013-14.

Sarah Cowie, College of Liberal Arts: John L. Cotter Award, the Society for Historical Archaeology.

Sarah Cummings, Department of Chemistry: F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award (runner up).

Linda Curcio, College of Liberal Arts: Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award

Larry Dailey, Reynolds School of Journalism: Nevada Semenza Christian Teaching Award.

Ann Diggins '86B.A., '01M.A., John Fildes, M.D., David Lupan, Kenton Sanders and Carl Sievert, School of Medicine: *Nevada Business Magazine* 2012 Healthcare Heroes.

Kelly Doyle '06, '08 M.S., College of Engineering: 2013 American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Outstanding Practitioner Advisor

Award for Region 8; 2013 Young Engineer of the Year Award ASCE Truckee Meadows Branch.

Mehdi Etezadi-Amoli, College of Engineering: 2012 Individual Education Award from the Northern Nevada Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council.

Karen Felton, College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources: Outstanding Nutrition Educator, Nevada Dietetic Association.

John Fildes, M.D., School of Medicine: Named honorary fellow by the Philippine College of Surgeons.

Henry Fu, College of Engineering: National Science Foundation Award.

Eelke Folmer, College of Engineering: 2013 Software Engineering Innovation Foundation Award from Microsoft Research; College of Engineering Faculty Excellence Award.

Brad T. Graves, M.D. '78, '84M.D., School of Medicine: 2013 E.W. Richardson Excellence in Teaching.



Ann Diggins '86B.A., '01M.A. and John Fildes M.D.

Jacquelyn Sundstrand

Jennifer O'Neil '02

Jonathan Price

Kam Leang

Christopher Coake

Linda Curcio

Marian Berryhill

Mehdi Etezadi-Amoli

Lt. Col. Michael F. Minaudo

Nick Tsoulfanidis

Peter Weisberg

Sarah Cummings

Sarah Cowie

Tatiana Gouem, Cooperative Extension: Staff Award of Excellence.

Jeffrey Harper, College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources: CABNR Outstanding Teacher of the Year; American Society of Plant Biology fellow.

Dale Hildebrandt '74, Cooperative Extension: Volunteer Award of Excellence.

Mary Beth Hogan, M.D., School of Medicine: Named a top pediatrician by the independent Consumer Research Council.

Anna Kalminskaia '02M.A., College of Liberal Arts: Summer 2013 Faculty International Development Award.

Derek Kauneckis, College of Liberal Arts: Alan Bible Teaching Excellence Award runner-up.

Heidi Kratsch, Cooperative Extension: Education/Research Award, Nevada Landscape Association.

Kam Leang, College of Engineering: Faculty Excellence Award.

David Leitner, College of Science: American Physical Society fellow.

Steve Lewis '78, '82M.S. and Marlene K. Rebori, '05Ph.D., Cooperative

Extension: Innovation Award, National Association of Development Organizations.

Anne Lindsay, Cooperative Extension: Faculty Award of Excellence.

Eric Marchand '94, '96M.S., College of Engineering: F. Donald Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Award runner-up.

Kenneth Maehara, School of Medicine, emeritus: Dean's Distinguished Service Award.

Lt. Col. Michael F. Minaudo, College of Liberal Arts: Selected for promotion to grade of lieutenant colonel.

Greg Mosier, dean, College of Business: University's Global Engagement Award.

Jennifer O'Neil '02, College of Engineering: Summer 2013 Faculty International Development Award.

Elissa J. Palmer, M.D., School of Medicine: Elected to the board of the National Association of Departments of Family Medicine.

Jim Parcels, School of Medicine: National Association of Social Workers' 2012 Social Worker of the Year for Nevada.

Jonathan Price, College of Science: Mining and Metallurgical Society of America Gold Medal.

Marlene K. Rebori '05Ph.D., Cooperative Extension: Resolution of Recognition for Teaching and Research, Citizen Engagement, Washoe County Commission.

Marlene K. Rebori, '05Ph.D., Cooperative Extension, **Margaret M. Ferrara**, College of Education: National Award in Excellence in Service to Students Award, National Society of Leadership and Success.

John Scire '95Ph.D., College of Liberal Arts Dean's Award for Outstanding Teaching and Service, contingent faculty.

Carol Scott, '91M.D., School of Medicine: Nevada Women's Fund 2013 Woman of Achievement.

Carl Sievert, School of Medicine: Inaugural Perillustris Docere honoree.

Brett Simmons, College of Business: Entrepreneurial Activity of the Year award from Nevada's Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology.

Geoffrey Smith '06M.A., College of Liberal Arts: Dean's Award for Outstanding Teaching and Service, continuing faculty.

Ed Smith '78, '84M.S., Cooperative Extension: Exemplary Project, C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Award and the Engagement

Scholarship/W.K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Award, Association of Public Land-grant Universities.

Jacquelyn Sundstrand, Special Collections: Appointed by President Barack Obama as a member of the National Museum and Library Services Board.

Claus Tittiger, College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources: Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition, first place; Donald W. Reynolds Governor's Cup Collegiate Business Plan Competition, first place.

Andrzej Trzynadlowski, College of Engineering: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Fellow.

Nick Tsoulfanidis, College of Engineering: 2013 Arthur Holly Compton Award by the American Nuclear Society.

Yaakov Varol, College of Engineering: Reappointed as commissioner to the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

Carrie Walker, College of Liberal Arts: Summer 2013 Faculty International Development Award.

Peter Weisberg, College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources: CABNR Outstanding Researcher of the Year. [N](#)



2013 Honor Court Celebration

The 2013 Honor Court Celebration, hosted by University of Nevada, Reno President Marc Johnson and the Foundation Board of Trustees, was held June 19 and recognized 52 new inductees who joined some 1,700 honorees already engraved on the granite pillars of the Honor Court. Dedicated in 1997, the Honor Court is a permanent tribute to the many faculty, staff, alumni and friends who are committed to the success of the University and the state of Nevada. Guest speakers included Foundation Board

of Trustees Chair Felicia O'Carroll '76 (accounting); President Johnson; 2013 Foundation Professor Iain Buxton; 2013 Herz Gold Medalist and Senior Scholar Justin Lopez '13 (biochemistry and molecular biology), '13 (biology); and vice president of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers.

(1) Members of Silver Benefactor Grand Chapter of Nevada Order of the Eastern Star.

(2) John Carothers, former Regent Willian Cobb '71, Emeritus trustee Riley '68 and Jane Beckett '68, and Tom Cook '63.

(3) Caitlin and Sarina Chandra, 2013 Foundation Professor

Dhanesh Chandra and his wife, Sandra Chandra.

(4) JoAnn Arnoldsen, Alisa '96, Adaline, A.J. and Brian Armon '93 and Jackie Assal represent the Friends & Family of Aaron E. Arnoldsen, a newly inducted Gold Benefactor.

(5) Regent Jason Geddes '90, '95Ph.D. and newly inducted Distinguished Nevadans Dick '54M.A. and Fran Trachok '47.

(6) Distinguished Nevadan Roland Westergard '56, Todd Westergard '84 and Silver Benefactors Diane and Leo SeEVERS.

(7) Gold Benefactor Reno Rodeo Foundation representatives Marie Baxter '95, '00M.Ed. and Steven Brown '66.



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(8) Emeritus trustee Frank '77 and Sally Gallagher and Don Jensen of Jensen Precast, a Silver Benefactor.

(9) Christopher Lopez, President Marc Johnson, Herz Gold Medalist Justin Lopez '13, Ramon Lopez, Criselda Lopez, Honorio Lopez and Amanda Santos.

(10) Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs Stacy Burton; Professor emeritus Frank Hartigan and his wife, Judi; Distinguished Faculty and Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher recipient and faculty emerita Anne Howard; Lois Snedden; Silver Benefactor, Distinguished Faculty, Foundation Professor, Outstanding Researcher and faculty emeritus Ann Ronald; and faculty emeritus and Silver Benefactor Steve Jenkins.

(11) Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers with Heidi Foster '12 MBA and Laif Meidell of American Wealth Management.

(12) 2013 Tibbitts Distinguished Teacher Kristen Clements-Nolle and Jack Nolle.

(13) The Alliance with the Washoe County Medical Society members and Silver Benefactors Patricia Hicks, Katherine Mann and Sherry Morgan.

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Chris Ault: Tribute to a Legacy

More than 500 people gathered April 7 at the Eldorado Hotel and Casino to pay tribute to Hall of Fame football coach Chris Ault '69, '73M.Ed. The event was sponsored by the Nevada Football Alumni Association.

(1) Christ Ault's family attended, including granddaughter Julia Savage, daughters Lisa Savage '90 and Amy Scolari, and his wife, Kathy Ault.

(2) Members of the Nevada Football Alumni Association.

(3) Reno Mayor Bob Cashell with Chris Ault '69, '73M.Ed.



Milt Glick Ballroom Reception

The University's 15th president Milton D. Glick, the was honored posthumously May 14 portrait unveiling and dedication of the Milt Glick Ballroom.

- (1) President Marc Jonhson, Dale Raggio, Bob Davidson and Richard Trachok '74.
- (2) Jennifer, Toby, Elijah, David, Peggy and Sandy Glick.
- (3) College of Business Dean Greg Mosier, Peggy Glick and College of Engineering Dean Manos Maragakis.

USAC Scholarship Benefit

Alumni, international staff, and friends of USAC gathered at the Brasserie St. James April 15.

- (1) Abel and Judy Mendeguia.
- (2) India resident director Jacob John, France and Ireland alumna Leanne Howard and Dennise Howard.
- (3) Germany resident director Sören Köppen, Deborah Schneider, Spain resident director Luis Fernández Rellán and Rosalind Bedell.

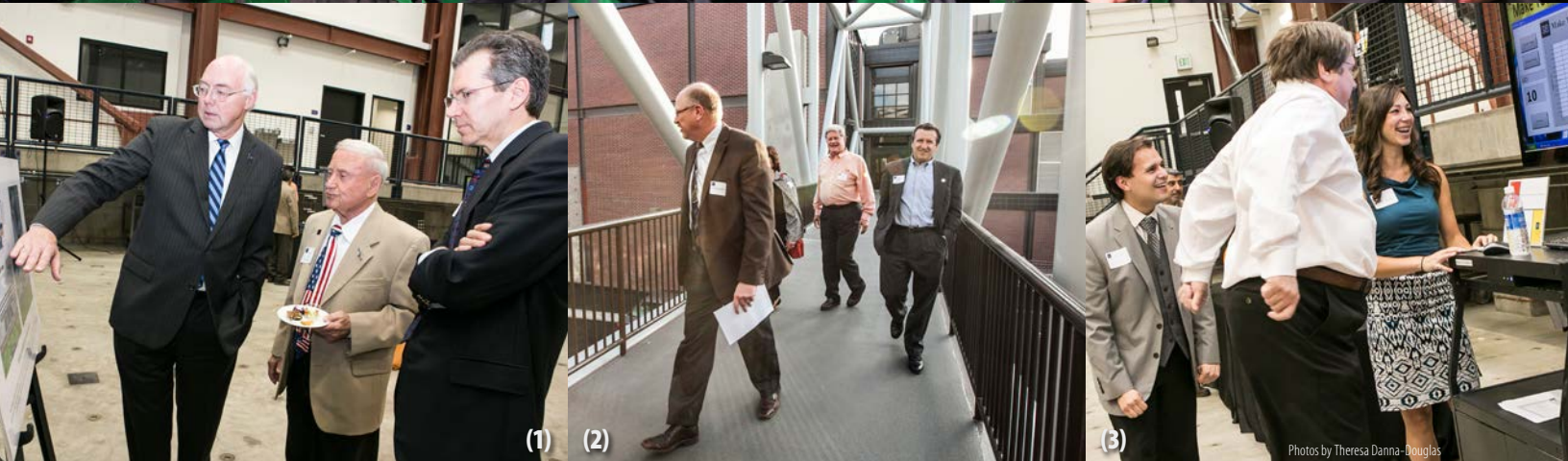
Friends of the Libraries, Legacy Society

Friends of the University Libraries and members of the Nevada Legacy Society attended a gathering June 5 at the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center.

- (1) Joe Guild, Nora James, Karen Penner-Johnson and Bruce James.
- (2) Sandra Rogers and Ben Rogers '01, '02M.S.
- (3) Christopher Coake, associate professor of English, spoke to guests about "The Future of the Book."



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UNSOM Hooding Ceremony

The University of Nevada School of Medicine hooding ceremony was held May 17 at Lawlor Event Center.

- (1)** Nathan Dahl '13, is hooded by Jessica Dahl.
- (2)** Jamie Bothello '13, Brittany Dye '13, Reece Jones '13 and Scott Anderson '13 celebrate graduation at the School of Medicine's hooding ceremony on May 17.
- (3)** Dalia Hawwass '13 received a congratulatory embrace from Ikram Hawwass at hooding.

Shake Table Event

The Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents toured the University's Earthquake Engineering Laboratory following their June 6 meeting.

- (1)** President Marc Johnson with Regent Jack Lund-Schofield '67 and Regent Mark Doubrava '89M.D.
- (2)** Civil Engineering Professor David Sanders, Regent Ron Knecht and Regent Kevin Melcher '79, '81M.S.
- (3)** Program Coordinator Kelly Doyle '06, '08M.S. assists visitors with the earthquake simulator.

Jazz Festival

The 51st annual Reno Jazz Festival was held April 25-27 at the University, featuring Grammy nominees Dave Douglas and Matt Wilson's Arts & Crafts.

- (1)** Composer and trumpeter Dave Douglas performs with Jazz Lab I, the University's premiere large jazz ensemble.
- (2)** Dave Glenn playing the trombone during an educational clinic for Jazz Festival participants.
- (3)** Long Beach Polytechnic High School Band with director Chris Stevens.



Distinguished Faculty Scholar
Distinguished Nevadan
Community Activist **Visionary**
Feminist Mother and Grandmother

Barbara C. Thornton

Dr. Barbara C. Thornton '57 (political science), '67M.A. (political science)

Most of us don't realize the significance of the stories we tell (and often change) about ourselves and others. Through listening and talking about our stories we can share our lives. I have learned how interdependent we are on each other, both in our local communities and throughout the globe.

An important part of my story began after four wonderful years at the University of Nevada, Reno. I went to Washington, D.C. where I studied law for one semester as one woman in a class with 500 men. Later, I worked for Nevada Sen. Howard Cannon and for John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign. Watching politics in action was a learning experience about good and bad decision-making.

After returning to Reno with my husband, teaching and increasing my knowledge about decision-making became a goal, and incorporating women in the decision-making process a high priority. I earned a Ph.D. in health communications at the University of Utah and was hired as one of the few women faculty at Nevada. My first position was as research director of a project on interdisciplinary health care teams at Nevada's then-new medical school.

Ethics became especially important for me. After doing post-doctoral work, I taught ethics and health communication classes for more than 38 years at Nevada, focusing on such issues as death and dying, the process of ethical decision-making and resource allocation. I loved interaction with students and others. Serving as the vice president of the Hastings Center, an international bioethics consortium, I had the opportunity to also learn from people from all over the world.

Later, I became concerned about the structure of our University, where most departments worked independently of each other. With faculty and help from President Joe Crowley,

we established the College of Human and Community Sciences. This college had a unique model of faculty interaction and participation during more than 10 years. We also started the Nevada Center for Ethics and Health Policy, which focused on many health care issues, but particularly on improving health care related to death and dying. It was a loss to the State of Nevada when this center was disbanded due to budget cuts. However, I have learned that things don't have to continue in their original form if they turn into another configuration that encourages the spread of knowledge.

Peace and human rights escalated as issues in the 70s. Students had been demonstrating on campus because of the Vietnam War, and Bill Thornton '58 (criminal justice) and I were concerned that there was little focus on peace and human rights, both locally and worldwide. In addition to war issues, there were some serious racial problems both on campus and in the community, and we decided to offer the Thornton Peace Prize each year.

Another problem that concerned many of us was that women and children's issues were not the focus of foundation or corporate giving. Women were having trouble getting jobs and education when they often had to support their family. With Frankie Sue Del Papa '71 (pre-legal) doing the legal work, Maya Miller, a worldwide activist and I started the Nevada Women's Fund. The fund has encouraged community leaders to put their personal agendas aside to be advocates for women and children. Amazing women continue to lead the organization, which provides scholarships and grants for women and children throughout the state.

One of my concerns was how to enhance ties between the University and the community. My brother, John Cavanaugh '63 (pre-legal), and I established the Cavanaugh Community

Volunteer Award which both honored our mother and father, John and Margery Cavanaugh, and encouraged community volunteerism.

Since becoming professor emeritus, I am a part of a family business where I encourage communication between the University and the business community. I also assist with raising two of my four grandchildren. Family is really important to me. I've enjoyed getting older and love this part of my life. I want to continue to research and write, as I believe education is a lifelong process. The word "retirement" bothers me. I prefer "rewirement." We are always in the process of rewiring ourselves to become the best that we can be!

From a conversation with Crystal Parrish, director of corporate and foundation relations. Thornton, who holds a bachelor's and master's in political science from Nevada and a Ph.D. in health communications from the University of Utah, taught ethics and communications for nearly 38 years and became faculty emeritus in 2005. She has received both the Distinguished Faculty and Distinguished Nevadan awards. She has been recognized for her service

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(1979) and professional achievement (1992) by the Nevada Alumni Association. As co-founder of the Nevada Women's Fund, her efforts benefit women and families throughout the state. At the University, she, along with her husband Bill '58 (criminal justice), established the Thornton Peace Prize, and with her brother, John Cavanaugh, established the Cavanaugh Community Volunteer Award. She is listed as a Silver Benefactor at Honor Court. She would appreciate hearing from her former students and friends and may be reached at (775) 250-5151 or thorntonbc1@yahoo.com.



UNSOM Program reduces mother-to-child HIV transmission rate

About 1.5 million women living with HIV become pregnant each year, according to the World Health Organization. Without receiving antiretroviral drugs and treatment, the chance that their children will also become infected is between 15 and 45 percent.

Translating that statistic to the local level, since 2007, more than 100 women in Las Vegas infected with HIV have given birth. But thanks

to the efforts of the Nevada Care Program, under the guidance and direction of Echezona Ezeanolue, M.D., MPH, associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, the rate of mother-to-child transmission of the virus for patients following the treatment protocol in Las Vegas is less than one percent. The goal is to keep it that way.

The idea to create the Nevada Care Program

came to Ezeanolue in 2005 while he was researching the lack of prenatal care for mothers living with HIV in New Jersey, the state which at the time, had the highest prevalence of the virus among women of child-bearing age. Over the last several years, the Nevada Care Program has become a collaborative effort between the departments of pediatrics; obstetrics and gynecology and AIDS Education and Training



Photo by Edgar Antonio Núñez

Pediatric infectious disease specialist Dr. Echezona Ezeanolue, center, leads the Nevada Care Program, which works to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission and provide comprehensive care to children infected with the virus. Since the program's inception in 2007, mother-to-child HIV transmission has been reduced to less than one percent in Las Vegas.

successes—that no one partner alone can make this outcome possible.

Directed at women of child-bearing age who are HIV positive and who are or may become pregnant, the intervention program follows a four-step process. First, physicians identify

In addition, the Nevada Care Program offers immunizations, tuberculosis, hepatitis, T-cell and viral load testing, family planning and contraception counseling, pregnancy consultations, dental care, mental health, substance abuse, case management and other screening services.


The program is made possible through funding from organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program and the National Institute of Health and the Mapuije Foundation.

Recently, the National Institutes of Health asked the Nevada Care Program to bring its innovative approach to work with HIV and AIDS positive mothers in other countries to ensure they have safe deliveries and healthy babies.

In 2012, the program received \$850,000 from the National Institutes of Health to develop a Nigerian program that has similar objectives as the Nevada Care Program.

The Nigerian intervention program couldn't come fast enough. According to the World Health Organization, each year there are around 75,000 babies in Nigeria born with HIV, and it is estimated that 360,000 children are living with HIV in the country, most of whom were infected from their mothers. According to data from the Nigerian government, around 10 percent of the global population of people infected with HIV live in that country.

"There is a global impact," Ezeanolue says. "It's not just the state of Nevada that benefits from this program—it's the world."

The Nevada Care Program and Ezeanolue have received multiple awards for their contributions to public health including the Nevada Public Health Leader of the Year, the Nevada Health Care Hero for innovation and the AAP Local Heroes Award. Most recently, Ezeanolue was appointed to the Patient Centered Outcome Research Institute Advisory Panel for Reducing Disparities. 

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Echezona Ezeanolue, M.D., MPH, associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Nevada School of Medicine

HIV-infected pregnant women. Second, HIV-infected pregnant women are treated throughout their pregnancy. Third, HIV-infected pregnant women are treated during labor and delivery. Finally, the Nevada Care Program provides prophylaxis—or protective or preventive treatment—to the infant for six weeks after birth.

"Mothers are seen throughout their entire pregnancy and after the birth too," Ezeanolue says. "Housing, medication—it's comprehensive care."

However, intervention services don't end when infants turn 6 weeks old. The Nevada Care Program offers primary care services to mothers—and patients from birth to 21 years old—exposed to or infected with HIV or AIDS.

Center (AETC) at the School of Medicine and several community partners including the Wellness Center at University Medical Center, the Southern Nevada Health Department and Aid for AIDS of Nevada.

"Our objectives are to provide comprehensive, prenatal care for mothers infected with HIV," Ezeanolue says. "Generally, the interventions can reduce the rate of mother-to-child transmission from 30 percent to less than 2 percent."

Ezeanolue made it clear that the synergy between medical and community partners is responsible for the program's intervention



A Herds and Harvest class on processing and selling locally grown meat was held in Gadrnerville, Nev. last August. Doris Hoskin, left, offers a field tour of a backyard lamb production.

“We have modified and changed the program based on producer needs and wants,” says Staci Emm ’96, Mineral County Extension educator. “Extension, USDA and other Nevada agriculture organizations work diligently to assist producers on several different levels to create and sustain their business.”

Across the state, 32 workshops were offered in-person and via technology, reaching 212 farmers and ranchers. Great Ideas from Growers, a mentoring group, was also created to provide producers from across Nevada the opportunity to learn from each other’s experiences. Twenty-eight producers worked with mentors and experts to create individualized budgets for their agricultural operation.

The Herds and Harvest database now has 2,670 producers. In evaluating the program after its first year, Cooperative Extension found that more than 65 percent of Herds and Harvest participants reported they would make changes in their agricultural business based on what they learned by participating in the program.

Shammy Rodriguez, a cattle producer at the Rhoads Ranch in Elko, Nev., participated in Herds and Harvest in May 2012.

“Herds and Harvest is just one of the many programs I go to,” Rodriguez says. “I always learn a lot from the Extension programs. I don’t think I would have been motivated enough to chase down the information if it weren’t for Extension. In the workshop, they provided many hands-on tools that I can apply at the ranch, and I walked away with all of the questions in my mind answered.”

Currently in year two of the program, the hot topics for upcoming workshops focus on the Wolf Pack Meats certification program, alternative crops and “So You Want to Be a Produce Farmer.” For registration and additional information, contact Jennifer Kintz at the Cooperative Extension, (775) 945-3444.

—Kayla Johnson ’13 (journalism)

Cooperative Extension’s Herds and Harvest helps thousands with outreach program

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension was awarded a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development project grant in August 2011 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute of Food and Agriculture. The program, Herds and Harvest, has become one of Cooperative Extension’s most successful programs.

Scheduled to run until August 2014, the program is designed to help farmers and ranchers develop agricultural entrepreneur-

ship, implement sustainable agricultural marketing strategies and improve profitability through mentoring and outreach. Program emphasis was placed on cultivating long-term relationships with Nevada agriculture producers and building capacity to sustain Nevada agriculture operations.

The program’s success centers on building trust with producers, understanding producer needs and developing educational materials to meet the personal values of producers.



Photo by Marcel Schaerer

Entrepreneurship classes help build a bridge to graduation

Washoe County's graduation rate is 65 percent overall but only about 50 percent of Hispanic students in our diverse region graduate from high school. Could exploring entrepreneurship motivate young students to stay in school and show them that studying at the University of Nevada, Reno is within reach?

Business 104 is a one-credit summer class offered to eighth graders and early high school students in Washoe County. The class, in its third year, is funded by the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation and is coordinated and taught through the Nevada Small Business

Development Center in the College of Business. Washoe County School District also partners by identifying students for the class.

The class is part of the University of Nevada, Reno Imagine 2020 Initiative, led by project manager Marcel Fernando Schaerer '84 (economics), '89M.S. (economics). In addition to the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation, Imagine 2020 supporters include the Wells Fargo Foundation and AT&T Services, Inc.

Over three weeks, guest speakers discuss entrepreneurship and what is required to take a business idea to market. Students complete

The 2012 class of Business 104, a one-credit summer course.

hands-on activities to showcase their own unique ideas. The students learn how a business operates and the basic components of a marketing plan. In 2012, the class worked with Port of Subs, an ongoing program partner, on an exercise where groups also presented their own ideas on how to better target the Hispanic population for the sandwich franchisor.

"The goal of this class is to show that learning can be fun as well as profitable," Schaerer says. "It's important to show students how to plan and why they should stay in school."

—Winnie M. Dowling '85, '89, '92MBA is the deputy director of the Nevada Small Business Development Center

The NNIC provides bridge to other cultures

The Northern Nevada International Center (NNIC) hosts delegations invited to the United States under various U.S. Department of State programs. This summer, NNIC will host a group of 70 Fulbright scholars and provide an orientation about their life at an American campus. NNIC organizes these programs with the assistance of faculty in journalism and education as well as community resources.

NNIC is engaged in a wide variety of activities both on campus and in the broader community. Some of NNIC's accomplishments in the last year included:

- Hosted 500 visitors on nine different programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.



Photo courtesy Carina Black

Fulbright Scholars met with members of the Reno City Council during last fall's Fulbright Enrichment Seminar on the electoral process in the United States.

- Hosted the "Everything is Global Summit" for 350 Washoe County high school students and community members.
- Completed 424 translation assignments in 34 languages for Washoe County courts, administrative offices, the schools and the business community.

- Hosted the 14th Annual Global Gala for more than 300 members of the community and honored the National Judicial College as the second corporate global citizen.

—Carina Black '90, '92M.A., '97Ph.D. is the executive director of the Northern Nevada International Center



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Andrea Lenz accepts her final standing ovation with assistant professor Dmitri Atapine and brother John Lenz '70, who retired from Nevada in 2009 after 37 years.

Steinway at School of the Arts dedicated to Andrea Lenz

For almost four decades, faculty emerita Andrea Lenz played the piano for thousands of rehearsals, recitals, concerts and student music juries at the University of Nevada, Reno. As a tribute to Andrea and her contributions to the University, the School of the Arts dedicated a new Steinway piano in her honor, while bringing Nevada one step closer to becoming an All-Steinway School.

"This wonderful instrument is a fitting tribute to Andrea's many contributions to the

University and advances our All-Steinway School initiative," says Heather Hardy, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Andrea taught about 20 different courses and served as music department chair for six years. She received the dean's award for creative activity and research in 2010.

The fundraising effort for the latest Steinway was assisted by Andrea's husband, Scott Faulkner '96M.M. (music), executive director of the Reno Chamber Orchestra. Andrea was

presented with the piano during her retirement reception May 10. She performed for those who gathered, and the piano will remain at the school as a tribute to her legacy.

Since 2009, the school has been working toward becoming an All-Steinway School, a designation that includes more than 135 conservatories, universities, colleges and schools around the world. To be recognized as an All-Steinway School, 90 percent of its piano inventory must be Steinway instruments.

More than 80 donors have supported the effort with nearly \$160,000 in gifts since 2009. To date, there are 17 Steinways at the School of the Arts, five of which have been purchased or donated as part of the initiative.

To learn more about supporting the All-Steinway effort and the School of the Arts, please contact Benjamin Korn, director of development, (775) 784-6873 or bkorn@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan

Larsen endowment benefits students in social work

During her 25 years of teaching at the University of Nevada, Reno, the late Barbara Larsen was a strong advocate for children and taught courses in both child law and social work. Larsen, an associate professor emerita of social work, was co-founder of the School of Social Work and served for several years as the school's chair.

Barbara's husband, College of Business faculty emeritus Larry Larsen, and her children, Lance, Kiersten, Erik '86 (English), '89M.A. (English) and Gretchen '94 (criminal justice), have established the Barbara West Larsen School of Social Work Founder's

Endowment in her honor to benefit graduate or undergraduate students pursuing degrees in social work.

"Barbara was always student-centered and was honored as a Senior Scholar Mentor in 1990," Larry Larsen says. "She remained grateful to the students she taught."

Barbara was previously a professor at the University of Utah, a psychiatric social worker for the Nevada Health Department and appointed to the social work staff at the former Nevada State Hospital in Sparks.

"We are deeply grateful to Barbara's dedication to the mission of the School of

Social Work and her tireless efforts to support and prepare ethical social work leaders and practitioners," says Denise Montcalm, associate professor and former director of the School of Social Work.

To learn more about supporting the Division of Health Sciences, please contact Christina Sarman '00, '11M.A., director of development, (775) 784-6009 or christinas@unr.edu. In southern Nevada, please contact Wendy Nelson, director of development, (702) 671-2240 or wbnelson@medicine.nevada.edu.



Photo by Martha Spicer

Barbara Larsen

—Roseann Keegan



Bill Eadington was founder of the Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming and created the University's International Conference on Gambling and Risk Taking, which was first held in 1974.

for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming. He served as the organizer of the University's ongoing triennial International Conferences on Gambling and Risk Taking, and was founder and co-moderator of the annual Executive Development Program for Senior Level Casino Executives.

In 1990, he was awarded a Foundation Professorship at the University, and since 2004, he held the Philip G. Satre Endowed Chair in Gaming Studies at the University.

"Bill was a great colleague to all of us in the College of Business," says College of Business Dean Greg Mosier. "He was absolutely the best scholar in the world in his field of the economics and regulation of gaming."

To learn more about supporting the College of Business, please contact Mitch Klaich '02, director of development, (775) 682-6490 or mklaich@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan

Endowment pays tribute to the late Bill Eadington

The William R. Eadington Memorial Scholarship Endowment has been established by the Department of Economics on behalf of colleagues, former students and friends of the late Bill Eadington, who passed away on Feb.

11 after a struggle with pancreatic cancer. The scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student studying economics.

Eadington began teaching at the University in 1969 and was the founder of the Institute

Family creates endowment to celebrate Liang-chi Hsu

The four children of faculty emeritus Liang-chi (Li) Hsu and their families have established the Dr. Liang-chi Hsu Graduate Research Endowment to honor their father's accomplishments and his impact on student learning and research in mineralogy and geochemistry at the University of Nevada, Reno. The endowment will support graduate students enrolled in the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering.

"The idea started taking roots around his 80th birthday, and we surprised him with the endowment last Christmas," says Rick Hsu '90 (political science). "Dad was emotional

and said he felt so humble."

A native of Taiwan, Hsu graduated from the National Taiwan University in 1956 and received his master's degree in geology in 1961. To help finance his education, he worked as a janitor and tutored the children of a family who hosted him. After graduating, he taught geology at the university.

"Li served the University for 28 years as a research mineralogist, geochemist and professor of geology," says Jeff Thompson, dean of the College of Science. "This endowment is a fitting tribute to the indelible mark he left on the University through his many years of

dedication to science and higher education."

Hsu served as a faculty member at the Mackay School of Mines and the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology from 1969 through 1996, where he was a specialist in the fields of experimental petrology and mineralogy, geochemistry, and petrologic and mineralogic instrumentation.

In the late 1980s and early 90s, Hsu served as chair of the Honors study board and director of the University Honors Study Program, promoting the scholastic status of high-achieving undergraduate students

To learn more about supporting the Mackay School and the College of Science, please contact Char Hagemann, director of development, (775) 682-8791 or chagemann@unr.edu.

—Roseann Keegan



Ethan Leaverton '13, left, and Cameron Miller-DeSart earned top honors at the 45th Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Washington, D.C.

leave it all out there," said Leaverton, who graduated in May with a degree in theatre. "And that's what we did. We left it all in the Kennedy Center."

Miller-DeSart, who was Leaverton's acting partner in the first two pieces of the performance, said he stood stage right during Leaverton's final piece, a Shakespearean monologue delivered in the rarely heard "original pronunciation" style of old English.

"Students like Ethan and Cameron come to us with talent, and our rigorous training challenges them to expand on those abilities and refine them," said Rob Gander, chair of the University's Department of Theatre and Dance and the duo's acting coach. "When students apply the actor training we offer here, the results turn heads, even in Washington, D.C."

"Their potential is unlimited," Gander added. "If they attack professional auditions or graduate school with the same methodical dedication they applied to this competition, they can't go wrong. They forged a process for success that will serve them well no matter what they pursue."

—John Trent '85/'87/'00M.A.

Bravo! The best college actors in America

Ethan Leaverton '13 (theatre), like many students at the University of Nevada, Reno, used the warm spring day to run from campus to one of northern Nevada's most scenic vantage points: the white "N" that for 100 years has stood sentry over the campus on the flanks of Peavine Peak. At the top, the 21-year-old from Spring Creek, Nev., stopped to look out at the surrounding Truckee Meadows. Not only was Leaverton at the top of the N, he was also at the top of the collegiate acting world.

Leaverton and his acting partner, Cameron Miller-DeSart, had recently earned top honors

at the 45th Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival on April 20 at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. More than 2,000 students from across the nation competed to earn a spot, and, in the end, Leaverton was selected by a panel of 13 professional theatre adjudicators to receive the top prize, the \$3,000 Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship. His three-part performance was also awarded the Mark Twain Scholarship for Comic Performance and the Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre Scholarship.

"We told ourselves we were just going to

Photo by Lee Palmer

A season of student-team success

When theatre students Ethan Leaverton '13 (theatre) and Cameron Miller-DeSart took the stage at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., they also set the stage for a season of success for student teams representing the University in academically oriented competitions.

Leaverton, supported by his acting partner Cameron Miller-DeSart, earned top honors at the nation's most prestigious collegiate acting competition during the 45th Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival.

The College of Engineering's concrete canoe competition team placed first in the 2013 American Society of Civil Engineers regional Mid-Pac Concrete Canoe Competition and second place in the national competition.

The Reynolds School of Journalism and College of Business Integrated Marketing Communications team took first place in the district presentation of the National Student Advertising Competition.

For the second consecutive year, a team of College of Business

seniors took first place in the Human Resource Management Pacific West Regional Case Competition.

The University's criminal justice honor society took first place in the Knowledge Bowl criminal justice competition held at the national Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society Conference.

For the first time in the University's 10-year history with the Model United Nations competition event, all five of our delegations, comprised of international affairs students, won diplomacy awards.

Student business-competition teams swept the graduate track of the Donald W. Reynolds Governor's Cup Collegiate Business Plan Competition and won the Lt. Governor's Award for the plan that best employs clean or sustainable technologies and services.

"Academically oriented competitions are a hallmark of the experience-based learning opportunities at Nevada," said University President Marc Johnson. "The students involved step up to a challenge, take on leadership roles, develop and test new skills, and make important career connections."

—Jane Tors '82



Photo by Patrick McFarland

Commencement honors gold-medal academic performance

Justin Lopez began at the University of Nevada, Reno looking around with wide eyes at the thousands of students and faculty around him and said he was “hesitant and downright terrified of what was to come.” Four years later, during the University’s spring Commencement ceremony, the graduate of Bishop Manogue Catholic High School in Reno was awarded the Herz Gold Medal, presented each spring and winter to the graduating senior with the highest GPA.

The Herz Gold Medal is the University’s oldest and most prestigious award and was established in 1910 when the University was only 36 years old by brothers Richard, Carl and Otto Herz. For the 21st consecutive year, the award recipient has graduated with a 4.0 GPA.

Funding for the award is now being provided by the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation and the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation, a Reno-based charity.

In addition to earning the Herz Gold Medal, this outstanding student, member of the University’s Honors Program and member of the National Collegiate Hispanic Studies Honor Society had earned multiple degrees. Lopez majored in biology and biochemistry and



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LEFT: University President Marc Johnson presented the Herz Gold Medal to top-scholar Justin Lopez '13. RIGHT: Four northern Nevadans received the Distinguished Nevadan award, the most prestigious award conferred by the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education, during the University’s advanced-degree Commencement ceremony on May 17. Awardees included Fran Trachok, community benefactor, and her husband Richard “Dick” Trachok '49, former Wolf Pack football coach from 1959-68 and athletic director from 1969-86; Ceasar Salicchi, Elko native and long-time advocate for persons with disabilities; and Bruce James, former public printer of the United States.

molecular biology, and he minored in Spanish, chemistry and mathematics. And, he maintained a 4.0 grade-point average. Lopez plans to pursue his doctorate degree in molecular biology after taking a year to continue his research at the University and to volunteer and travel abroad.

For the first time, two Commencement ceremonies were held for bachelor-degree recipients this year instead of one. The first on May 17 celebrated graduates of the Colleges of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources; Business; Engineering; Education and

the Division of Health Sciences. The second on May 18 celebrated graduates of the Reynolds School of Journalism, College of Liberal Arts and College of Science.

A total of 2,168 degrees and certificates were conferred at the two undergraduate ceremonies and the separate ceremony for advanced-degree recipients on May 17. In keeping with tradition, all three ceremonies were held on the University’s historic Quadrangle.

—Natalie Savidge '04



Photo by Lee Palmer

Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval '86 toured the two-story building in the world-renowned earthquake engineering lab before the final high acceleration tests on nonstructural components. The building was built, damaged and rebuilt several times in this groundbreaking, months-long experiment.

Ground-breaking project tests building systems

Ceiling tiles fell, water pipes and partition walls rattled and the contents of an office were a jumbled mess after researchers set the final highest amplitude tests in motion during a simulated earthquake in the University of Nevada, Reno's world-renowned earthquake engineering laboratory. The six-year long, multi-institutional research project tested the nonstructural elements in buildings, something never before done on this scale.

The experiment attracted worldwide attention, and a delegation of professors and engineers from Japan traveled to campus to watch the final tests in April. Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval '86 (foreign affairs) was also on hand to watch the action.

"This is impressive work," Governor Sandoval said. "We should all be proud of the University and the College of Engineering for the world-class research they do here. This

lab alone has brought \$45 million in research to Nevada, which is great for economic development."

The ground-breaking experiment is part of a nationally competitive project funded by the Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation Research program of the National Science Foundation.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

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Reynolds School of Journalism students Natasha Vitale and Scot Jenkins were part of the Nevada Media Alliance team providing in-depth coverage of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Students gain experience, enrich media coverage

Working from the state capitol in Carson City, the Nevada Media Alliance produced in-depth features on legislative issues and leaders; multimedia presentations for radio, television, web; and social media content.

Launched in spring 2013 through the Reynolds School of Journalism and Center for Advanced Media Studies, the Nevada Media Alliance is a public service news cooperative providing students with real-world, multimedia reporting experience. Media partners include the *Reno Gazette-Journal*, KNPB public television and KUNR public radio.

"I wanted to create an experimental project where students can work directly with professional journalists and help contribute much-needed coverage for the community," said Mike Marcotte, faculty adviser and the 2012-13 Donald W. Reynolds Endowed Chair in the Ethics of Entrepreneurial and Innovative Journalism.

The initial focus of the alliance was coverage of Nevada's 2013 legislative session. The team of eight undergraduate-student reporters and three graduate-student editors worked alongside seasoned journalists.

The alliance is supported by grants from The Hearst Foundations, The Charles H. Stout Foundation and the E.L. Cord Foundation.

—Jill Stockton

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Faces on the Quad



STEVEN DELACRUZ, a sophomore studying chemical engineering, is the University of Nevada Reno's first Udall Scholar, recognizing scholarship and commitment to environmentally oriented careers. He also received the nationally competitive Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, making him the first student at the University to simultaneously receive both the Udall and Goldwater scholarships. Delacruz graduated as valedictorian from Canyon Springs High School's Leadership and Law Preparatory Academy in North Las Vegas. An active member of the University's Honors Program, Delacruz intends to earn his doctorate in chemical engineering and conduct research in solar energy and teach at the university level. Delacruz is the founder of the University's Sustainable Energy Network.

JONATHAN CARRAL, a member of the University's Honors Program and graduate from Galena High School in Reno, received the prestigious \$30,000 Harry S. Truman Scholarship, the third awarded to a student at the University since 1985. Carral studied in Chengdu, China for three semesters, thanks to the Gilman International Scholarship and Smallwood Study Abroad Scholarship. He is an international affairs major and a Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Scholar, preparing to obtain a graduate degree in international affairs. He would like to connect governments and organizations to better meet the needs of the international community, specifically displaced and disadvantaged youth. Carral is a first-generation American and first-generation college student and will graduate from the University in spring 2014.



ANNA KOSTER, a graduate of Galena High School in Reno, was selected as the Senior Scholar for both the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science. Koster received intensely competitive national undergraduate academic and research scholarships, including the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. She was one of only 12 students nationwide to receive the 2012 American Chemical Society Division of Organic Chemistry Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, which helped fund her organic chemistry research begun in 2010 and allowed her to present at a research symposium hosted by Pfizer in Connecticut. In addition, Anna studied classical piano under School of the Arts faculty member James Winn. She graduated this spring with dual majors in music and chemistry and will attend Stanford University in the fall to pursue a doctorate in chemistry.

CHRISTA HARROP, a senior majoring in psychology, was selected as the recipient of the George C. Marshall Leadership Award, honoring her as one of the nation's top ROTC cadets. Harrop, a U.S. Army ROTC cadet since August 2011, represented the state of Nevada at the 36th annual George C. Marshall Awards and Leadership Seminar in April at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. She joined top ROTC cadets from around the nation to hear from several of the Army's leading experts about the future of the military. The award is given to individuals who have demonstrated leadership to further humanitarian and economic development efforts and who exhibit personal and professional qualities practiced by George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff during World War II, throughout his life of public service. Harrop was honored for her outstanding performance, dignity and integrity.



CHENGLI WANG and **JAMES BUHAIN** were encouraged by their professor of history to enter their work in a prestigious Harvard University contest. Both students' work was chosen to be presented in the three-day lecture program at Harvard's Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies. Wang, a 27-year-old, first-year doctoral student in political science from Chengdu, China, wrote on the subject of distraction "and contending for what truly matters." Buhain, a 23-year-old political science major who is minoring in Asian Studies, wrote on curiosity and distraction. Both students said their experience with the creation of their essays was enriching, personally and academically. In addition to thinking critically and working on their persuasive writing skills, they said they have gained confidence in their abilities.



—Natalie Savidge '04

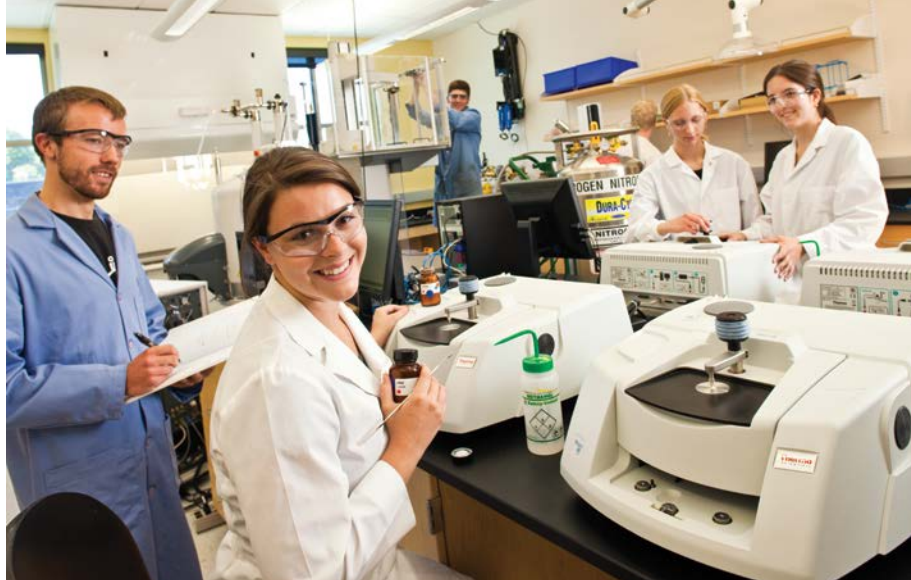


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BIOFIT, the new boot camp program being showcased in the College of Science, provides an experience to help new students balance rigorous academics with college life and social activities before they begin their first semester at the University.

Academic boot camp to help students succeed

The University of Nevada, Reno's new BIOFIT academic boot camp program aims to give new students a head start for success.

"It's been shown that boot camps dramatically increase academic performance and student success rates," said Kevin Carman, executive vice president and provost. "Students are taught study habits, time management, given guidance in particular courses and even financial management. Students who go through boot camp are twice as likely to graduate in

their major. We give them tools for success."

BIOFIT is a five-day, residential, intensive academic program designed to increase success for students majoring in biology and neuroscience. The program offers a glimpse into the University's rigorous academic expectations and college life prior to the start of the semester. The first academic boot camp is Aug. 16-20.

"Students at all levels of preparation enroll here," said Jeff Thompson, dean of the College of Science. "Studies show that if students

struggle their first semester, it's very hard for them to keep up and succeed."

The students will live in the same residence hall during the boot camp. They will attend classes, work in study groups and take exams from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Attending the boot camp is voluntary and this year's enrollment will be limited to freshmen who plan to major in biology or neuroscience. The College of Science hopes to quickly expand the program to all freshmen entering the college and the University will then look to expand the program to other colleges.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02



Photos by Theresa Danna-Douglas

'Signing' the best and brightest

National Merit Scholars and Presidential Scholars, some of the state's highest-achieving students who will enter the University this fall, were recognized at the University's fifth annual Nevada Scholars Signing Day ceremonies held at high schools throughout Nevada in May. The kick-off event at the Redfield Campus in south Reno recognized two National Merit Scholarship Finalists, Marissa Crook who was home schooled and Emma Beebe from Galena High School. Shown are University President Marc Johnson, Nell J. Redfield Foundation Trustee Jeane Jones '98 (honorary degree), Crook, Beebe and Nell J. Redfield Foundation Trustee Jerry Smith. The Nell J. Redfield Foundation and Sara Lafrance '73 (English/journalism) of Educational Pathways International are helping to support scholarships awarded to National Merit Scholars by the University.

Engineering's Henry Fu receives NSF CAREER Award

College of Engineering assistant professor Henry Fu has received a prestigious National Science Foundation CAREER Award to advance his work in finding how microorganisms such as bacteria travel through complex biological environments in the human body.

The Faculty Early Career Development Award, known as a CAREER Award, grants \$400,000 for five years of research for Fu.

The work could lead to advances in fighting infections, enable better navigation of micro robots for medical uses such as targeted cancer medicines, understanding how bacteria moves through soils or how microbes move through biological matter.

The CAREER Program Award is given to faculty members at the beginning of their academic careers and is one of the National Science Foundation's most competitive awards, focusing on high-quality research and education activities.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02



Henry Fu

Photo by Mike Wolterbeek



Jody Lykes '12M.A. (standing center), student development coordinator for the University's Center for Student Cultural Diversity, helps students at the center, which was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as an exemplary initiative.

Photo by Jeff Dow

University's College Life 101 recognized nationally

The University of Nevada, Reno's Center for Student Cultural Diversity has received national recognition again. After receiving the CollegeKeys Compact Innovation Award in 2011, the center's College Life 101 has now been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a best-practice program. It is one of the 15 programs acknowledged nationally

for Achievement Gap Closure: Promising and Practical Strategies, which highlights the country's best programs in getting self-identified underrepresented college students to graduation.

"We are helping to bridge the gap between students with a good support system and those who lack access to a good support system," said Reg Chhen Stewart '03M.Ed.(educational leadership), '10Ph.D. (educational leadership), director of diversity initiatives and director of the Center for Student Cultural Diversity.

College Life 101 is an in-depth program with an 85 percent retention rate for students who need additional support and grade-level programming to reach the goal of graduating from college. It involves regular meetings with center coordinators, a service-learning component and mid-term progress reports, as well as academic, career and financial-aid advising.

The program is communicated to local students as early as fifth grade, and involvement begins as college freshmen and continues to graduation.

—Abbie Walker '11, Master's Cohort 2013

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Doug Knuth joins Wolf Pack family

Doug Knuth took over as the University of Nevada's eighth director of athletics this spring. As special assistant to the president and director of athletics, he brings more than 18 years of professional experience and achievement in athletics administration.

"Doug has tremendous experience and enthusiasm for college athletics and he has a great understanding of the role of education and athletics in the lives of our student-athletes," said University President Marc Johnson. "He is a proven fundraiser who has had success in generating both traditional and entrepreneurial revenue streams. He is also very familiar with the Mountain West Conference and the challenges of conference realignment, and I am confident that Doug is the right person to continue the successes and tradition of Wolf Pack Athletics."

Pack Tracks stories by Rhonda Lundin Bennett, associate athletics director for communications

Knuth spent the previous eight years at the University of Utah as the senior associate athletics director for External Relations. He led Utah to record fundraising in each of the

last seven years. He led the Utes' fundraising, marketing and ticketing efforts and oversaw the corporate partner program and athletics licensing/merchandising. He was also the primary liaison to University Development and Advancement. Knuth served as a member of Utah's senior staff, participating in strategic planning, objectives and goals, and policies and procedures, in addition to administrative oversight over the sports of women's basketball and men's and women's tennis.

He successfully launched a \$150 million comprehensive athletics campaign and doubled the Utes' annual fund in five years. Knuth also took a leadership role in the strategic planning process of Utah's \$1.2 billion university capital campaign. He is a member of the prestigious I-A Athletic Director's Association Fellows Program, served on the NCAA Tennis Committee from 2007-10 and has held leadership roles in the National Association of Athletic Development Directors since 2010.

Prior to Utah, Knuth served as the assistant athletics director for development at Michigan State for five years and was responsible for the annual giving program. He also managed major gifts associated with the expansion of

New Director of Athletics Doug Knuth meets Wolf Pack fans at Mackay Stadium, where nearly 5,000 fans gathered to watch the Silver and Blue Game in April.

Spartan Stadium through suite and club seats sales.

He started his career in athletics administration and fundraising at the University of Connecticut and also spent time at the University of Massachusetts and Ohio University.

Knuth earned his bachelor's degree in business administration at the University of Connecticut in 1994, where he was also a four-year letter winner and captain on the men's tennis team. He holds master's degrees in sports administration and facility management from Ohio University (1998) and business administration from Northwood University (2002).

A native of Fairfield, Conn., Knuth and his wife, Marilyn, have a daughter, Gabby, 4, and a son, Lance, 2.

"I would like to thank the search committee, the athletics staff and coaches, and especially President Johnson for this outstanding opportunity to lead the University of Nevada athletics department," Knuth said. "I am excited to join a University which places a high value on the transformational power of education as well as the power of positive athletics. I believe Nevada is poised for greatness."



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Brian Polian gears up for first season at helm

The Brian Polian era will officially begin as the 2013 football season kicks off this fall.

Polian came to Nevada after successful stints at Texas A&M (2012), Stanford (2010-11), Notre Dame (2005-09), University of Southern Florida (2004) and Buffalo (2001-03). He replaced Chris Ault, who stepped down in December after 28 seasons on the sidelines and more than 40 years at Nevada.

Coming off its eighth consecutive bowl appearance, Nevada will play all six of its home games on Saturdays this season, featuring Mountain West conference games against Hawai'i, Air Force, UNLV and San Jose State, and non-conference games against UC Davis and BYU.

The Wolf Pack will kick-off the 2013 season on the road against Pac-12 foe UCLA on Aug. 31. Nevada and UC Davis will square off in the home opener at Mackay Stadium on Saturday Sept. 7, before the team will make its first road trip to Tallahassee, Fla., to face Florida State on Sept. 14.

The Pack returns home for a pair of games,

opening Mountain West Conference play with contests against Hawai'i (Sept. 21) and Air Force (Sept. 28). The team will head to San Diego State on Oct. 4.

Nevada will face Boise State on Oct. 19 before hosting UNLV in the Battle for the Fremont Cannon during Nevada Day Weekend (Oct. 26). The team will hit the road for matchups with Fresno State (Nov. 2) and Colorado State (Nov. 9) before coming home to play San Jose State on Nov. 16. Nevada and BYU will close out the regular season at Mackay Stadium with a showdown on Nov. 30.

Nevada football season tickets for 2013 are now on sale and start at just \$90 for adults and \$35 for youth (8th grade and younger). A limited number of Premium Field (section D) seats still remain and are available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$280 per seat.

For more information or to purchase season tickets, call or visit the Link Piazza Ticket Office at Legacy Hall at (775) 348-PACK (7225) or go online at nevadawolfpack.com.



Cody Fajardo

2013 Nevada Football Schedule

Aug. 31	at UCLA
Sept. 7	UC Davis
Sept. 14	at Florida State
Sept. 21	Hawai'i* (Hall of Fame Game)
Sept. 28	Air Force*
Oct. 4	at San Diego State*
Oct. 19	at Boise State*
Oct. 26	UNLV* (Homecoming)
Nov. 2	at Fresno State*
Nov. 9	at Colorado State*
Nov. 16	San Jose State*
Nov. 30	BYU

** Mountain West Conference game.
Schedule subject to change.*

Visit nevadawolfpack.com for more info.



Photo by John Byrne/Nevada Media Services

Softball's Alex Hayes '13 is one of 34 Wolf Pack student-athletes earning her degree this spring and summer.

34 Wolf Pack student-athletes reach ultimate goal of graduation

Thirty-four Wolf Pack student-athletes representing 13 teams have applied for graduation at the University of Nevada this spring and summer.

The Wolf Pack women's swimming and diving team is represented by seven student-

athletes, while Nevada's women's track and field program has five graduates. The Wolf Pack baseball and softball teams are represented by four graduates each, while Nevada's rifle team is graduating three student-athletes. Nevada's men's basketball, women's basketball

and women's soccer teams have two graduates each, while the Wolf Pack football, men's golf, skiing, men's tennis and volleyball teams are each represented by one graduate. In addition to the 34 student-athletes, five members of the Nevada spirit program will also be earning their degrees this spring and summer.

Including this spring and summer's 34 graduates, Nevada has seen 533 of its student-athletes graduate in the past eight years. The Wolf Pack's Graduation Success Rate is at its all-time high of 80 percent and has improved in each of the last eight years.

"Congratulations to all of our student-athletes who are graduating this spring and summer," said Nevada Director of Athletics Doug Knuth. "Getting their college degrees is the ultimate goal for our student-athletes, and we wish our student-athletes the best as they leave the University of Nevada and enter the next phase of their lives."

Men's golf, rifle teams recognized by NCAA for academics

For the third time for each program, Nevada's men's golf and rifle teams have earned Public Recognition Awards as part of the 2012 NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program.

Each of the teams scored a perfect 1,000 on the academic progress rate (APR) during the 2011-12 academic year, and each has a multi-year average of 1,000 after scoring a perfect score for each of the last four years. The Public Recognition Award comes for being part of the top 10 percent of all teams in their sport. This is the third consecutive year that Nevada's men's golf team has been publicly recognized, and it marks the second straight season of recognition for the rifle team, which also was honored for 2008-09.

"It is a significant achievement for a team to be recognized publicly by the NCAA for

one season of excellence," said Dr. Jean Perry, Nevada's faculty athletic representative and special assistant to the president for athletics academics and compliance. "For these teams to be honored for the third time each is an accomplishment to be celebrated."

The data used for this year's APR includes student-athletes who competed from 2008-09 through 2011-12. For the men's golf team, that includes a number of standouts, including Taylor Coffman '11 (mathematics), Ryan Hallisey '11 (finance) and Scott Smith '11 (management). Hallisey works locally at the Sierra Nevada Corporation in Reno while Coffman recently completed a master's degree in mathematics from Nevada. Smith is a professional who has played in two PGA Tour events and last year qualified for the U.S. Open at the Olympic Club.

"I'm proud of the accomplishments of our players, on and off the course, and thrilled that our program has received this prestigious recognition for the third year in a row," said men's golf coach Jacob Wilner.

Nevada rifle coach Fred Harvey noted that many of his student-athletes from those seasons are either in or have completed graduate school, including Andy Hickey, a former All-American in graduate school at Nevada, and Heather Horn, who recently completed a master's in film production from Chapman University.

"Dempster Christenson, who was a six-time NRA All-American, is not in graduate school, but he is on the U.S. National Team and he has won an Olympic slot for the United States team for the next games in Brazil," Harvey said.

Wolf Pack Wall welcomes at airport

Visitors to the Reno-Tahoe International Airport will once again be introduced to the University of Nevada with the unveiling of the newly redesigned Wolf Pack Wall.

Made possible through the generosity of longtime University supporter and community business leader Rick Reviglio and a partnership between the University of Nevada and the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, the Wolf Pack Wall features large still photographs of some of the biggest achievements in the history of Wolf Pack Athletics. It also includes a video screen that will show academic and athletic highlights, and shelving to display athletics memorabilia.

The Wolf Pack Wall is located on the second floor of the airport, just past security near the new High Mountain Market shops.

"Thanks to the Reviglio family, the airport's new Wolf Pack Wall makes an important statement to every traveler that Reno is a university town," said Krys Bart, Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority President/CEO. "The new design of the Wolf Pack Wall is the finishing touch on the \$27 million Gateway Project that was designed to give 3.8 million travelers per year a



Photo by John Byrne/Nevada Media Services

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sense of place when they come and go from our community."

Reviglio first came up with the idea of having the University of Nevada featured at the airport after seeing the pride that the city of Boise shows for the Boise State Broncos at its airport. He was the primary donor for the original Wolf Pack Den display, which was installed on the airport's connector concourse in 2008. The newly redesigned Wolf Pack Wall replaces that original display.

"On the doorstep to our community is the gateway to one of our most valued treasures: the University of Nevada," said Reviglio, the president of Western Nevada Supply in Reno. "Every person who flies in and out of our com-

munity should be reminded of this jewel."

The new Wolf Pack Wall was unveiled in a May press conference featuring Reviglio, Bart and Wolf Pack Director of Athletics Doug Knuth, as well as Nevada mascots, cheerleaders and band members.

"It is wonderful to have the University and Wolf Pack Athletics join in welcoming and introducing visitors to our region," said University of Nevada, Reno President Marc Johnson. "We are grateful to be an integral part of our community, and this display sets the stage for visitors to know this is a University-based community. The support of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport and the Reviglio family in making this possible is deeply appreciated."

Nevada to unveil Chris Ault Field at Mackay Stadium

The University of Nevada, Reno and Wolf Pack Athletics will honor the contributions former football head coach Chris Ault '69 (physical education), '73M.Ed. (school administration) has made to the athletics program by naming the field at Mackay Stadium after the College Hall of Fame inductee.

Chris Ault Field at Mackay Stadium will be unveiled at Nevada's home opener vs. UC Davis on Sept. 7.

The winningest coach in school history with a career record of 233-109-1 in 28 seasons, Ault guided Nevada from Division II to I-AA glory in the Big Sky Conference

during the 1980s and early 90s, into I-A and the Big West Conference in 1992 and on to the Western Athletic Conference and the Mountain West Conference. He won 10 conference championships and took the Wolf Pack to postseason play 16 times, including 10 bowl games in 12 football seasons. He leaves a legacy contributions to the game, perhaps none of which greater than his creation of the Pistol offense in 2005, now employed by hundreds of teams at every level of football.

"Chris Ault has left an indelible footprint on the University of Nevada, Wolf Pack Athletics and college football, and it is only

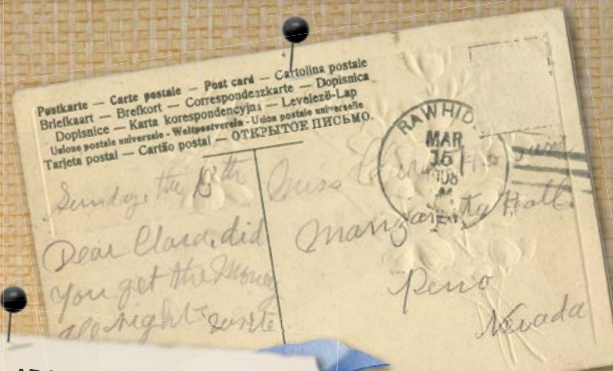
fitting that his name will grace the field on which he built that legacy of success and tradition," said Nevada Director of Athletics Doug Knuth. "We are pleased that we can honor Coach Ault for his Hall of Fame career and service to the University in this lasting way."

Details about the design and placement of the honor on the field as well as information about the celebration at Nevada's home opener will be unveiled later this summer.



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Chris Ault



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Message from the President

Dear Nevada Alumni,

I can't tell you how thrilling it was for me to be on stage at Commencement in December and May to represent the Nevada Alumni Council and to welcome our newest members of the alumni family. A total of 3,716 students graduated in the 2012-13 academic year, which is another record!

Some think there is no life on campus after Commencement, which is far from reality. Each Wednesday evening, from July 3 through Aug. 7, we host our traditional Pack Picnics on the Quad. Bring the entire family for a relaxing evening of music and fun from 6-8 p.m.

We are getting Battle Ready for Nevada football with a pre-game party Aug. 31 prior to the UCLA game at the Rose Bowl. Then back on home turf, beginning Sept. 7, join us for pre-game parties in Legacy Hall two hours prior to every home game. And be sure to mark your calendar for the most exciting Homecoming yet when we play UNLV Oct. 26.

In addition to exciting sporting events, the University offers a multitude of arts programs in Nightingale Concert Hall and Redfield Theatre. Many of the events are already scheduled and the line up looks amazing. You can find details on the University website, www.unr.edu.

Our goal is to keep you connected to your alma mater. Your support as a dues-paying member of the Nevada Alumni Association helps us do this. A big thanks to all who are members. If you would like to join or renew your membership, please visit our website at www.unr.edu/alumni.

Sincerely,

Rita (Mann) Laden '96Ed.D.
President, Alumni Council



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Class Chat

'60s

N Peter M. Di Grazia '64 (predental) and Bruce Pendleton '64 (zoology) received the Mario Gildone Lifetime Achievement Award from the Northern Nevada Dental Society. The award is for outstanding contributions to dentistry, the dental association and the community in 2013.

Susan A. (Carey) Cuddy '69 (nursing) is a retired captain of the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps. She recently traveled to Barcelona and the Baltic Region.

'70s

N Wayne A. Frediani '72 (management) has been appointed to the national board of directors for the Automotive Trade Association Executives. Wayne is the executive director of the Nevada Franchised Auto Dealers Association and has 25 years of experience in the automotive industry and government affairs.

Jacqueline D. Mast '73 (pre-physical therapy) was recognized by Wheelock College as one of 125 alumni who has improved the lives of children and families around the world. Jackie is a physical therapist, professional leader, international lecturer and conference organizer. She has a passion for integrating children with physical challenges with children who are able-bodied. Jackie owns Mast Clinic, a pediatric physical therapy private practice, in Portland, Ore.

Carol A. Crowley '74 (managerial sciences) was recently hired by Farmland Management Services as a ranch administrator.

Timothy J. Hoover '77 (political science), '96M.Ed. (educational leadership) is a substitute high school teacher for Washoe County School District, a track coach at North Valleys High School and a boys basketball coach



Wayne A. Frediani '72



James Newman '83,
'85M.S.



Jeffrey J. Ardito '84



Steve J. Lewis '89



Robyn R. Campbell-
Ouchida '93



Lisa M. (Krajewski)
Mullen '93

at Hug High School. In 2012, Tim travelled to Azerbaijan with the Peace Corps.

'80s

Martin E. Smith '80 (civil engineering) has won the prestigious 2012 Goethals Medal from the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME). This medal is awarded to a SAME member for distinguished performance in the field of engineering, design or construction.

Lori L. (Givani) Bellamy '81 (special education), '87M.Ed. (c&g pers serv) is enjoying being retired and volunteering her time in the local schools. Both of her sons are graduates of the University of Nevada, Reno in mechanical engineering.

James Newman '83 (economics), '85M.S. (economics), an attorney with the law firm Holland & Hart LLP, was recently named the administrative partner for the firm's Reno office. In addition to overseeing strategic development for the office, James will manage recruiting and marketing efforts.

Kathryn I. Simon '83M.A. (c&g pers serv) retired in June after spending 15 years as the Washoe County Manager. Katy has served as the highest ranking administrative official in Washoe County since 1998.

N Jeffrey J. Ardito '84 (physical education) has joined Eagle Home Mortgage as a loan officer. In his new role, Jeff will manage

residential home loans for clients. He has nearly 13 years of experience in the mortgage industry. Prior to his career in residential mortgage lending, Jeff worked for 14 years at the University of Nevada, Reno where he held several key positions including assistant athletic director for development and director of alumni relations.

Steve J. Lewis '89 (psychology) was joined by family and friends in San Antonio, Texas, when he was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army. Steve is currently assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Command Headquarters where he conducts strategic behavioral health policy analysis and program management for Army Medicine. Recognized for his clinical and academic excellence, he has been awarded the U.S. Army Surgeon General's prestigious "A" proficiency designator in the field of social work. Steve has served multiple combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, providing behavioral health support to U.S. Forces.

'90s

Byron L. Hurren '92M.Ed. (secondary education), '01Ph.D. (educational leadership) is the dean of the School of Education at the University of South Carolina Upstate. Prior to this, Byron was at the University of North Alabama where he served as chair of the Department of Secondary Education and as a professor of secondary education.

Robyn R. Campbell-Ouchida '93 (journalism), owner of All Write Business Communications, recently received a Gold Award from the Collegiate Advertising Awards for her work as editor of Nevada State College's magazine, *The Black & Gold Annual*. She is also the editor of *Premier*, the magazine of UNLV's William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration.

Lisa M. (Krajewski) Mullen '93 (interior design) has been hired by Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. as a marketing assistant in the Reno office. Lisa has a background in financial services, with past experience in sales, training and market trend analysis.

N Jennifer M. Richards '99 (nursing), '05M.S.N. (nursing) was recently promoted to transformational health care administrator for Renown Health. Prior to this position, she served at Renown as the director of nursing education and research.

'00s

Matthew W. Earhart '00 (health science) was named the 2012 California Young Optometrist of the Year. Matt is president-elect for the Sacramento Valley Optometric Society. He lives in Sacramento and is in private practice in multiple locations in the greater Sacramento region.

Michael S. Lundblad '00M.A. (English) has published *The Birth of a Jungle: Animality in*



EJ Maldonado '00



Ed Humphrey '01

Progressive-Era U.S. Literature and Culture. Michael is an assistant professor of English and director of animality studies at Colorado State University. Challenging traditional beliefs on animality in American fiction and culture, *The Birth of a Jungle* explores the historical emergence of the jungle as a discourse in the U.S. during the progressive era through readings of fiction.

EJ Maldonado '00 (English) completed the American River 50 Mile Endurance Run in a

time of 11 hours, 17 minutes. He now has his sights on more 50 milers and a 100 miler.

Christopher L. Campos '01 (electrical engineering), '05MBA is an applications engineer for the submerged motor cryogenic pump and expander company Ebara International Corporation.

Ed Humphrey '01 (criminal justice) spent the last several years practicing law in Phoenix, Ariz. Ed has moved back to Reno to open the

law firm of Humphrey Lopez PLLC. He has substantial experience in complex bankruptcy and litigation matters and is excited to bring his practice to northern Nevada.

Dawn Gibbons '02 (general studies) has joined Immunovative, Inc. as an independent member of the board of directors. Dawn will assist the company in enhancing its corporate governance protocols and oversight committees.

Wolfcubs



Natalie R. (Burke) Ghysels '99 (journalism) and **Aaron R. Ghysels '00** (geography) are excited to announce the birth of their son, Ryan Burke Ghysels, born Feb. 4, 2013. Ryan joins big sister Gracie. Both children are future Nevada grads!



Alissa (Anderson) Mortensen '00 (recreation) and **Jessen J. Mortensen '01** (civil engineering), '02M.S. (civil engineering) would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Simone Monroe, on Aug. 10, 2012. Simone joins big brother Paden, 3.



Neil G. Gavrich '01 (mechanical engineering) and his wife, Vanessa, are overjoyed to announce the birth of their daughter, Sierra Alexandra, on Jan. 19, 2013.



Sarah N. (Crawforth) Carone '01 (early childhood education, human development & family studies), '08M.Ed. (special education) and Scott Carone are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Hollie Jeanne, on July 18, 2012. She joins big sister Zoë, 4.



Natalia A. (Cui) Callahan '04 (secondary education), '07M. Ed. (educational leadership), '12Ph.D. (educational leadership) and her husband, **Silas R. Callahan '07** (civil engineering), '10M.S. (civil and environmental engineering), are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Quentin Liam Callahan, on Feb. 28, 2013. Quentin joins his excited big brother, Grayson Brodrick Callahan.



Kate L. (Vercellino) Cruz '08 (general studies) and **Bobby Cruz '09** (criminal justice) proudly announce the birth of their baby boy, Luke Robert Cruz, on Feb. 6, 2013.



Lawrence C. Tam '03



Rudy A. Von Ravensberg '03, '06M.A.



Dennis M. Anderson-Villaluz '07

Ro J. Lazzarone '03 (marketing), an agent for New York Life Insurance Company in Reno and broker/owner of The Lazzarone Group, has earned membership in the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) for 2012. MDRT membership represents the top life insurance and financial service professionals worldwide.

Lawrence C. Tam '03 (supply chain management) has taken on a new role at Microsoft as a reporting and analytics program manager focusing on business intelligence for the OEM Division. Lawrence's initial responsibilities are to assess and prioritize the current inventory of analytics, along with road-mapping the future state of business intelligence for his division.

Rudy A. Von Ravensberg '03 (marketing), '06M.A. (counseling and educational psychology) has founded his own practice, Great Basin Behavioral Health and Wellness. Rudy focuses on traditional behavioral health concerns as well as lifestyle modification to help clients struggling with chronic health issues.

Catherine M. Scully '06 (English) has been named the Douglas County School District Teacher of the Year. In addition to being a Whittell High School English teacher, Catherine founded the school's first literary magazine, serves as an advisor for the National Junior Honor Society and "Where Everybody Belongs" program and sits on the scholarship committee. Catherine is also working toward

her master's degree in literacy from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Dennis M. Anderson-Villaluz '07 (nutrition) was recognized as the 2013 Young Dietitian of the Year by the Massachusetts Dietetic Association. Additionally, Dennis is the co-chair for the Massachusetts Pediatric Nutrition Practice Group.

Kiersten M. Johnson '08 (health ecology) joined an international health program at Fuling Kids International Orphanage in China. Her project focuses on starting a conversation with rehabilitation professionals in Hong Kong to understand their perspective on people with disabilities and their future roles in China's society.

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The Nevada Alumni Association is now
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Nevada Alumni Association honors Spring 2013 Senior Scholars

More than 100 family, friends, college deans and others from the University of Nevada, Reno's administration joined the Nevada Alumni Association in honoring the Spring Senior Scholars May 15. These top graduating seniors from each school or college at Nevada were recognized for their hard work and dedication throughout their collegiate journey. The faculty mentor who had the most impact on their academic career at the University was honored as well. *BACK ROW:* Mentors Frederick Harris, Bob Felten '71, James Winn, Christopher Jeffrey, Mark Nichols, Kristina Wulfing '96, '09M.Ed., Dr. Dennis Uken, Senior Scholar Kaitlin Olivia Pennell and mentor Patricia Ellison. *FRONT ROW:* Senior Scholars Justin Cardoza, Brita Voris, Anna Koster, Jenna Wirshing, Danielle Beebe and Justin Lopez.

*College of Agriculture, Biotechnology
and Natural Resources*

Justin Lopez
Mentor: Patricia Ellison
4.0 GPA

College of Business
Kaitlin Olivia Pennell
Mentor: Mark Nichols
3.971 GPA

College of Education

Jenna Wirshing
Mentor: Kristina Wulfing
4.0 GPA

College of Engineering
Justin Cardoza
Mentor: Frederick Harris
4.0 GPA

College of Liberal Arts and College of Science

Anna Koster
Mentor: James Winn
Mentor: Christopher Jeffrey
4.0 GPA

Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism

Brita Voris
Mentor: Bob Felten
3.963 GPA

Division of Health Sciences

Danielle Beebe
Mentor: Dr. Dennis Uken
4.0 GPA



Clement K. Odoo '08



Whitney P. Myer '09



Joseph L. Sanford '09

Clement K. Odoo '08 (marketing) was awarded the University of Nevada, Las Vegas William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration Award for the best thesis/professional paper in 2012. He holds a master's of hospital-ity administration and business administra-tion and is currently working for Levi Strauss as an operations supervisor in Las Vegas.

Whitney P. Myer '09 (Spanish) was on season 2 of *The Voice* and has been playing music

on the West Coast for more than three years. She released a new album in April, *Articles of Luminous Nature*. Whitney played at the University of Nevada, Reno's annual Blue Tie Ball in March.

Joseph L. Sanford '09 (electrical engineer-ing) has joined the law firm Armstrong Teasdale as an associate in the Las Vegas of-fice. He is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group. Joseph focuses his

practice on strategic planning and thorough patent drafting.

Adam Varahachaikol '09 (journalism) is a video journalist at KTVN Channel 2 News in Reno. He is a reporter for weekend newscasts and is a station photographer during the weekdays. Adam is engaged to Kelsey McK-echnie, a secondary education student at the University of Nevada, Reno. Their wedding date is set for August of 2014 in Reno.



Kickin' it with K-von | "Outta the Car ..."

I can't watch action movies anymore. Even the most carefully plotted script has storylines that are left untold. And those loose ends become my obsession.

The most classic example of a loose end that we've all just come to accept: The ol' "cop needs your car" routine. We've seen it a hundred times. Our hero is chasing the bad guy. Both are wearing black leather jackets. Suddenly the villain is getting away, so the good guy stops a car in the middle of the street with a shout: "Outta the car, official police business!"

Now at this point, we, the viewers, know he's a police officer and must commandeer that vehicle

in order to save the world (after all, we've been watching the movie). But how does the poor schmuck in the car figure out the scenario so quickly? From his point of view, all he's witnessed is one guy running in front of his car and now another guy wants to take it for his chase. Is that enough information to go on? Can you really put that whole puzzle together in a moment's notice? "Hmm, it appears ... I need to give THAT man my vehicle to help save THIS city." Hell no!

If that scenario worked in real life, it'd be a pretty ingenious way to steal a car. Just get a buddy of yours and tell him, "OK, jump on that guy's hood and run off. I'll tell the guy to hand the car over for 'official police business.' Ready? Break."

How about this: I see two men chasing each other through the streets, NEITHER ONE is getting my car! I don't care who it is. Someone pops up out of nowhere and says "Reno Police, outta the car!" and I'm gonna have a few more questions. "Hmm, why aren't you in uniform? This is all happening so fast; let me take a closer look at that badge. So what happened to your car . . . drive it off a bridge or something?"

Beyond that, if you have a car like mine, you can't just hand it over anyways. First, you must explain some of the quirks to keeping it running. "OK, this baby isn't exactly in tip-top shape. Before you take the wheel, a few things I feel I should tell you. You're gonna wanna add oil every hundred miles. The parking break isn't that dependable. Also, when you go to start it, you have to wiggle the key a few times

then push it all the way in, then slightly back it out or it won't turn. Oh, and never run the air conditioner and the radio at the same time or she'll overheat." By the time I finish my "how-to," the bad guy is lonnnnn gone.

I'd like to see one movie where the cop tries to take a car from a driver who just doesn't cooperate. Someone that would freak out the way you and I would in real life, by punching the gas and throwing the guy up and over the vehicle, the whole time screaming, "Ohhhh heIIIIII no! And I'm charging you for breakin' that hood ornament . . ."

As we watch the movies, our hero will always get that person out of the car. And that driver will always just allow it to happen. But what about his needs; didn't he have somewhere to be? I've never just been out "driving." We never follow up with that guy to see how he finally gets to work. Does anyone believe why he's late or is he fired? Does his wife not believe his story, suspect him of cheating, and leave him for good? And then, in a fit of depression, does he takes his own life . . . all for giving his car to an undercover cop? Don't get sensitive. Until now, you've never even thought twice about this poor guy. His story may be more interesting than the original movie we were watching, and yet it seems, I'm the only one who cares.

K-von '03 (marketing) is a Nevada alum and comedian. He writes and performs comedy across the nation. Check out his YouTube channel that now has close to 1.5 million views: [Youtube.com/KvonComedy](https://www.youtube.com/KvonComedy).

Wolf Mates



Nathan R. White '08 (education) and **Adria A. (Bargmann) White '08** (history) were married on Nov. 3, 2012 at Hidden Valley Country Club in Reno.

'10s

Brittany L. Rubenau '10 (journalism) was promoted to media buyer at The Glenn Group in Reno. She is responsible for the execution of media buys for the Reno Air Race Association. Additionally, Brittany serves as Ad2 Reno's vice president and is responsible for the club's leadership and organizational development.

Tyler S. Soule '10 (environmental engineering) has put his engineering career on hold and started a rafting company in Auburn, Calif. H2O Adventures offers rafting trips on the American River and the Yuba River.



Brittany L. Rubenau '10



Justin T. Skord '12M.S.

Justin T. Skord '12M.S. (geology) joined Western Plains Consulting, Inc. as a geologist and environmental scientist. Justin will specialize in environmental assessments, soil and subsurface studies, and remediation for the company.

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Sat., Sept. 28	Nevada vs. Air Force
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Alumni Band

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We invite all Wolf Pack Band alumni to join us for the 17th annual Alumni Band gathering Oct. 24-26 during Homecoming. Homecoming will fall on Nevada Day weekend, when we play UNLV. Add to that the Homecoming Parade, Nevada Day Parade and Alumni Band, and you have an epic Homecoming Weekend!

To learn more, please contact Kiara Wolf, or find the University of Nevada, Reno Alumni Band on Facebook. We hope to see you there!

Cheer, Stunt, Dance and Mascot Alumni Chapter

Elliot E. Sparkman '04, eesparkman@gmail.com

Congratulations to our 2012-13 senior class! Thank you for a tremendous year, and welcome to the chapter. On the heels of spring tryouts, we'd also like to congratulate new and returning members of the 2013-14 Nevada Spirit Squad.

Please plan to cheer on those who are following in your footsteps during an extremely memorable Homecoming Weekend, when we take on our rivals from the south on Nevada Day weekend. Join online at alumni.unr.edu/chapters, and find the University of Nevada, Reno Cheer, Dance, Stunt and Mascot Alumni on Facebook. For more information, please contact Elliot E. Sparkman.

College of Business Alumni Association

Philip Brown '08, pbrown@alliancetrustcompany.com

The College of Business Alumni Association held its 22nd annual golf tournament May 9 at Wolf Run Golf Course. Nearly 150 participants and local sponsors showed their support and raised money for the college. Dickson Realty and Sierra Office Solutions tied with an impressive score of 62! In the end, Team Dickson won the tiebreaker to secure first place. This year's tournament could not have been a success without our corporate sponsors. Thank you to Rail City, Wells Fargo, Muckel Anderson, Sierra Nevada Corporation and Dunham Trust.

Business Week is Sept. 23-27. Attend our membership mixer, which is a great way to network and get involved. More information will be in the College of Business magazine in late August.

Honors Program Alumni Chapter

Tamara Valentine, tvalenti@unr.edu

The Honors Program graduated another galaxy of stellar students in May. Graduates plan to pursue advanced degrees as near as the University of Nevada and as far as New Zealand and France, including programs at Stanford University, UCLA, University of Massachusetts, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Michigan, University of Oregon and the University of Wisconsin.

Honors graduates Ricardo Lopez '11, a reporter for the *Los Angeles Times*, Alex Vaughn '06, a chemist for Samuel Adams, and Gabby Irvin '12, a journalist from the University of Illinois, each made time to stop



TOP LEFT: The 2013-14 Nevada Spirit Squad. LEFT: The Dickinson Realty team won the 22nd Annual COBAA Golf Tournament May 9 at Wolf Run Golf Course. From left: Tom Fennell '11, Anthony Carano '06, Harvey Fennell and Chris Judson. RIGHT: Ricardo Lopez '11 (center) returns to campus to visit Honors Program organizers Tamara Valentine (left) and Becky Amezcua (right).



by and say hello.

To learn more about upcoming events and current happenings and share your news, visit facebook.com/UNRHonors.

Black Alumni Chapter

Tya Mathis '04, tmathis@unr.edu

On May 4, the Black Alumni Chapter participated in the 18th Annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in downtown Las Vegas. Our team successfully raised money for the local organization.

This fall, we'll focus on membership recruitment and scholarship fundraising. We hope to award two scholarships for fall 2014. If you are interested in joining our organization or donating to our scholarship fund, please contact chapter president Tya Mathis.

Native American Alumni Chapter

Sherry Rupert '05, srupert@nic.nv.gov

On May 5, the Native American Alumni Chapter hosted our annual graduation reception at the Joe Crowley Student Union. There were seven graduates in attendance, two who received master's degrees. Each graduate was congratulated with a stole and one year of NAAC membership. We would like to thank the University's Native American Student Organization and Center for Student Cultural Diversity for co-sponsoring the event.

The Native American Alumni Chapter fundraises throughout the year to provide scholarships to a tribally enrolled student from Nevada. This year's \$500 scholarship was awarded to a student from the

Western Shoshone Te-Moak Tribe of Battle Mountain.

For more information, please contact Kari Enm '01, (775) 682-5928 or kemm@unr.edu, or Sherry Rupert '05, (775) 687-8333 or srupert@nic.nv.gov.

Nevada Football Alumni Association

Jim Farley '99, jfarley47@verizon.net

When Chris Ault '69, '73M.Ed. stepped down as Nevada's head football coach, an era ended. From his time as a quarterback for the Silver and Blue through his final game, Coach linked generations of Nevada football players the way few people could.

The University of Nevada Football Alumni Association was proud to honor the legacy of Chris Ault April 7 at the Eldorado Hotel Casino. More than 500 alumni and community members joined us to celebrate the career of the man who made remarkable contributions to the University and had such an impact on us all. Guest speakers recalled memorable moments and paid tribute to the inventor of the Pistol Offense. We know Coach will go on to accomplish even more.

Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter

Amy Beck '09, amyjeanbeck@gmail.com

The Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter has survived its first year and looks forward to being around for many more!

The chapter held elections in May and is excited to congratulate our



TOP LEFT: Las Vegas Black Alumni Chapter members Ebony Houser '02, Tamiko Henderson '06, Tya Mathis '04 and Tierra Jones '03 team up for the 18th Annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure May 4 in downtown Las Vegas. TOP RIGHT: Spain alumna Debralee Ballesil, India and Spain alumna and program advisor Cami Alfaro '10 and Ghana resident director Abigail Thomas share study abroad experiences during the USAC Scholarship Benefit Dinner April 15 at Brasserie Saint James. BOTTOM: Alumni and seniors celebrate graduation at Student Ambassador Senior Night April 27.

new executive board: president, Amy Beck '09; vice president, Emily Stott '09; treasurer, Michael Higdon '09; secretary, Brian Duggan '08; and board members Annie Flanzraich '07, Megan (Stanphill) Duggan '10, Scott Oxarart '08, Dan Hinxman '00 and David Calvert '12.

We are planning the second annual Sagebrush Alumni Dinner, so mark your calendars for Oct. 23 during Homecoming Week. Funds raised will be used to send members of the current staff to conferences.

Join us the fourth Friday of each month for our Monday Deadwine events. To learn more, visit Facebook.com/NevadaSagebrushAlumniChapter.

Nile Valley Alumni Chapter

Ed Bake '93, shedbake@scbglobal.net

On May 9, the Nile Valley Alumni Chapter held our annual members' appreciation barbecue at the home of Dan and Malinda (Condie) Frazier '78. The chapter provided tri-tip and side dishes, and four of the club members spent the afternoon grilling tri-tip to perfection and concocting "Rebel Blood," the evening's special beverage. Thirty-five members attended the barbecue, and five new members joined. More than \$600 was raised for the Emmett Cook Memorial Scholarship fund. The chapter plans to attend an Aces game this summer.

Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association

Jan (Pritchard) Brady '63, '88MBA, lvcswrds@aol.com

OSNAA members joined Mary Ann Lambert's coworkers and friends to celebrate her retirement from the faculty of Orvis School

of Nursing May 16. She received her master's from the Orvis School in 1982 and joined the faculty in 1996. She was appointed to two terms on the Nevada State Board of Nursing by Gov. Bob Miller and Gov. Kenny Guinn, serving as its vice-president for four years. She also served for seven years on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Item Review Committee for the national RN licensure exam. She has been the OSN undergraduate program coordinator for the past eight years. Mary Ann served on the steering committee for OSNAA and was our liaison between OSNAA and OSN students.

Our chapter has new leadership. Our steering committee co-chairs, Cathy (Machette) Butler '74 and Michelle Kling '75, '94M.S. have stepped down. Jen Richards '99, '05M.S.N. and Katie Grimm '99 will co-chair the OSNAA steering committee, and Debbie (Shearer) Ballinger '79 will assume the scholarship chair position.

Sacramento Alumni Chapter

Steve Park '99, spark@ccareynkf.com

A Del Oro High School graduate will be the 2013-14 recipient of the Eppie G. Johnson Scholarship!

We are coordinating with Nevada alumni in the Bay Area to put together a wine tasting tour in the Napa or Sonoma wine regions. Please look for additional information as we target the event for fall 2013.

We meet the second Tuesday of every month for lunch. For our lunch location or information about the other projects we have in the works, visit us at Facebook.com/NevadaAlumniSacramento or contact chapter president Steve Park, (916) 367-6345 or spark@ccareynkf.com. Go Pack!

Student Ambassadors Alumni Chapter

Jessica Muehlberg, '02, '07M.S., '13Ph.D.

We are still a relatively new and growing chapter, but we've had a great first year. We are already gearing up for our second year and are excited to see our chapter grow. We recently co-sponsored Senior Night on April 27, where we welcomed 13 new alumni. This summer, our annual camping trip is planned for July 12-14.

Every four years, our alumni join our active student members at their summer retreat to build connections and share traditions. Our second Alumni-Active Retreat will be held in August.

University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM) Alumni Chapter

Tracey Delaplain, '83, '87MD, TdelaplainMD@sbcglobal.net

Plans for the 2013 Alumni Weekend, which will be held during Homecoming October 24-26, are underway at UNSOM. We'll present our Alumnus of the Year award Thursday, gather for an all-alumni cocktail party Friday and co-host an all UNSOM pre-game tailgate party Saturday with Dean Thomas Schwenk. Special activities are being planned by your reunion coordinators for the years 1973, 1988, 1993 and 2003. Save the dates. For more details about your class reunion, please contact Tracey Delaplain.

We had a successful membership and fundraising campaign. Your donations supported student scholarships, The David Lupan Student Research Fund and the Student Community Service Project Grant.

USAC


Michelle Cobb, mcobb@unr.edu

Many USAC alumni reunited with their overseas resident directors at the USAC Scholarship Benefit Dinner April 15 at Brasserie Saint James in Reno. Twenty of USAC's resident directors were in the U.S. for an annual board of directors meeting and stopped at the University for a few days of meetings, events and presentations.

Recent alumni attended the resume and interview workshop. This workshop was organized by the USAC Alumni Club and Jane (Stewart) Bessette '86, '03M.S. from the College of Business. USAC alumni also imparted valuable, site-specific information to future study abroad students at this year's Alumni Chat. As you can see, the chapter has been busy.

Young Alumni Chapter

Brita Muller '09, YACpresident@gmail.com

Following spring graduation, the Young Alumni Chapter kicked off the summer season with more than 60 new members! The Young Alumni Chapter is preparing for several summer events, including Pack Picnics on the Quad, happy hours, mystery bus tours and Reno Aces baseball games. For more information about events and how to get involved, please visit www.NevadaYAC.com or contact Brita Muller. 

Gatherings



2013 Spring Commencement

The University of Nevada, Reno's spring Commencement conferred 2,168 degrees and certificates during three ceremonies: one for advanced-degree recipients May 17, and two for bachelor-degree recipients on the mornings of May 17 and May 18. All three ceremonies were held on the University's historic Quadrangle, located on the southern part of campus.

During the University's Commencement ceremonies this year, 1,606 bachelor degrees and 562 advanced-

degree certificates (master's and doctoral degrees and education specialist certificates) were awarded.

During the ceremony, the University named Justin Lopez the recipient of the 2013 Herz Gold Medal for outstanding scholarship. The Herz Gold Medal is presented at each commencement ceremony to the graduating senior with the highest GPA.

(1) Graduates take their seats on the historic Quad.

(2) Business graduates Angela Robinson '13, Katie Montgomery '13 and Quan Hua '13.

(3) University President Marc Johnson congratulates a new Nevada graduate.

(4) Dean's Future Scholar Nestor Soto '13 and his daughter, Yatzi, with his sister and fellow Dean's Future Scholar Yesica Soto.

(5) Graduates from the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering.

(6) Erin Reaney '13 and the Reaney family, which has 14 graduates from Nevada.

(7) Christa Harrop '13 (far right) and fellow U.S. Army ROTC cadets. Harrop is the recipient of the George C. Marshall Leadership Award, honoring her as one of the nation's top ROTC cadets.



Alumni Graduation Celebration

The Nevada Alumni Association celebrated new graduates with a luncheon on May 16 with comedic performance by Nevada's very own K-von '03 (marketing).

(1) K-von '03 entertains the crowd with a Nevada trivia game and stories of life after graduation.

(2) President Marc Johnson congratulates Steven Hammonds '13 and Jordan Douglas '13 with Eli Reilly '10.

(3) Thandor Korda '13, Zoe Meneley-Bilbert '13, Mark Thomsen '13, Bent Ofteda '13 and Mark Cooley '13 pose with the Nevada Cheer Team.

Golden Reunion

The Nevada Alumni Association welcomed the Class of 1963 back to campus May 16-17 for a variety of campus activities, including a campus tour, a celebratory dinner and special recognition during the commencement processional.

(1) Members of the Class of 1963 prepare to lead the commencement processional.

(2) Mike Mackdon '63 and Cecelia (Molini) St. John Pearce '63 share emcee duties.

(3) Fifty years after graduation, Diane (McManus) Trainor '63 and Donna (Sanford) Lage '63 are still cracking each other up.

(4) The Class of 1963 says "50" following their pinning ceremony.

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Gatherings



Student Recruitment Events

The final two student recruitment receptions, cosponsored by the Nevada Alumni Association and Office for Prospective Students, were held on May 2 in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center on campus and on May 23 in Las Vegas at DragonRidge Country Club.

- (1) Northern Nevada Recruitment Reception attendees have their questions answered by University staff.
- (2) Executive Director of Residential Life, Housing and Food Services Rod Aeschlimann answers questions regarding campus housing at the Reno event.

(3) Prospective student Hallie Taylor and her mother with College of Engineering Dean Manos Maragakis.

(4) University of Nevada President Marc Johnson visits with prospective students and their family members at the Las Vegas event.

(5) National Merit Scholarship finalist from Coronado High School Nicholas Andrew and his parents at the Las Vegas reception.

(6) Las Vegas high school seniors De'Janique Williams and a friend gather information for incoming freshman on academic boot camp.

(7) Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations

John Carothers, Nevada alumnus and event speaker Tony Taeubel '85 and Director of Admissions Steve Maples '96MA, '02Ph.D.

Pack Tracks Travel Program

The Nevada Alumni Association's Pack Tracks travel program offers cruise and land travel packages to many exciting destinations worldwide, and the fun part is traveling with fellow Nevada alumni.

(1) Nevada alumni travelers enjoy the alumni reception aboard the Tahitian Jewels cruise.



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(4)

Photos by Dave Smith

Young Alumni Chapter Beerfest

The 20th annual Nevada Young Alumni Chapter Beer Fest was held April 5 at the Reno Ballroom. Event attendees enjoyed an evening of beer tasting from many vendors, all while helping to raise money for scholarships. Since 2000, the chapter has awarded more than \$60,000 in undergraduate and graduate scholarships.

(1) Tamra Barnes, Thad Barnes '08, Kristy (Goetz) Northon '02, '08M.Ed., Tabitha Carlisle, Wolfie, Chris Carlisle '04, '08MBA and Jared Northon '99.

(2) Alumni and friends attending the 20th annual Young Alumni Chapter Beer Fest.

(3) The Nevada Cheer Team was leading the charge on the dance floor.

(4) Brook Hodge '06, Patrnia Alexander '94, Trina Sullivan '79 and Kara Sullivan '03.

Las Vegas Alumni Event

Nearly 100 Las Vegas area Nevada alumni attended a pregame party and watched the Reno Aces take on the Las Vegas 51s at Cashman Field on May 31. Alumnus and University Foundation Trustee Scott Voeller '83 threw out the first pitch.

(1) Billy '06 and Sarah Brewer with daughter Olivia.

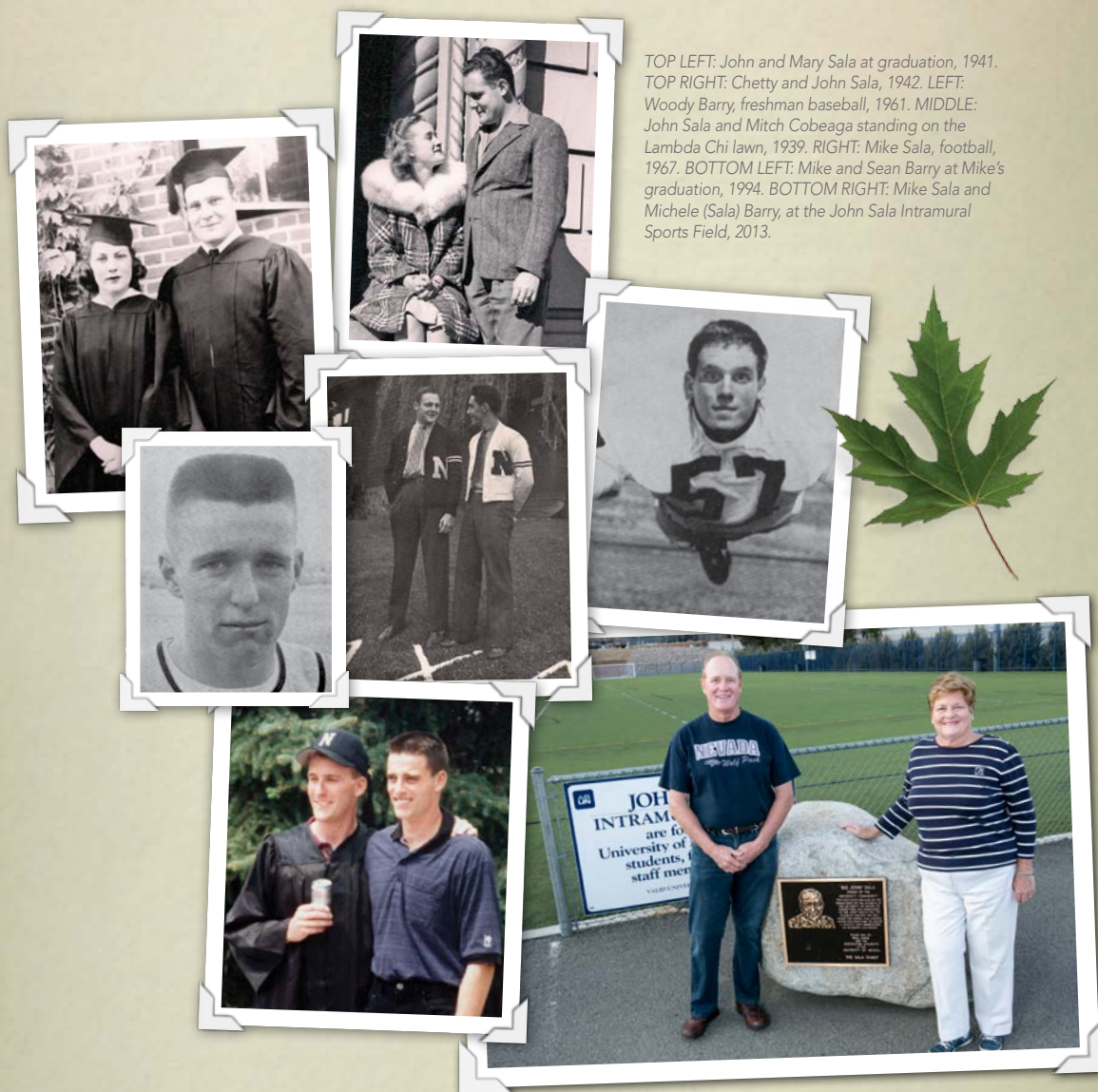
(2) Tessa Kronbetter '06, Jordanna Evans '06, Ross Evans, Ryan Pedroso and Ryan Kronbetter.

(3) Southern Nevada young alumni enjoy the game.

(4) Las Vegas 51s catcher Kai Gronauer and Scott Voeller '83.

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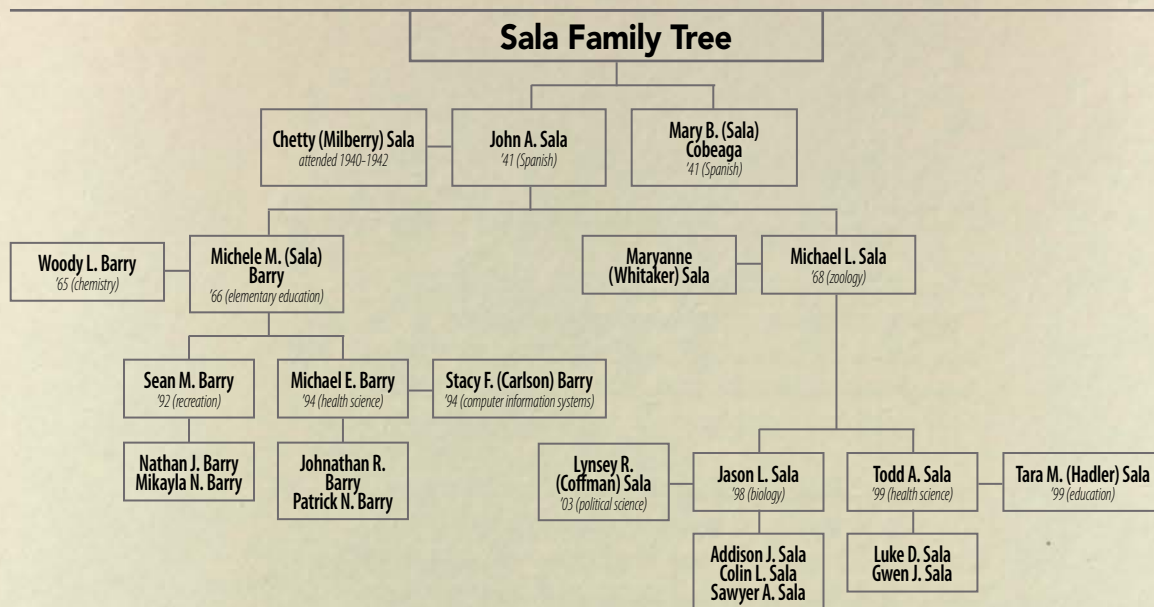
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TOP LEFT: John and Mary Sala at graduation, 1941.
TOP RIGHT: Chetty and John Sala, 1942. LEFT:
Woody Barry, freshman baseball, 1961. MIDDLE:
John Sala and Mitch Cobeaga standing on the
Lambda Chi lawn, 1939. RIGHT: Mike Sala, football,
1967. BOTTOM LEFT: Mike and Sean Barry at Mike's
graduation, 1994. BOTTOM RIGHT: Mike Sala and
Michele (Sala) Barry, at the John Sala Intramural
Sports Field, 2013.

Staying true to Nevada in more ways than one.

The Sala family's involvement at the University of Nevada, Reno has gone far beyond just the classroom. Over the years, family members have immersed themselves in everything Nevada—Greek life, athletics, ROTC, ASUN, scholarship donor support and more. There's even an intramural field named after one of the family members. It's safe to say that the Sala family will always have a special place in their heart for the Silver & Blue, from those who graduated years ago to the Pup Club members of today.



FROM LEFT: Stacy (Carlson) Barry, Mike Barry, Michele (Sala) Barry, John Barry, Woody Barry, Sean Barry, Mikayla Barry, Nathan Barry, Sawyer Sala, Patrick Barry, Colin Sala, Luke Sala, Mike Sala, Maryanne Sala, Gwen Sala, Lynsey Coffman Sala, Addison Sala, Jason Sala, Tara (Hadler) Sala and Todd Sala.

Remembering Friends



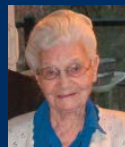
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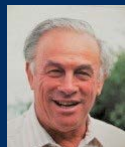
Ernest L. Mazzaferri



Elona L. (Van Sickle) Lynch '38



James H. Bradshaw '48



Albert C. Nocciolo '50



Donald B. Bissett '57



Dixie K. (Simonsen) Crook '57



David Nyquist '61, '63M.S.



Gael K. (Hallack) McCollum

Friends

Thomas M. Carroll

March 10, 2013—Mesa, Ariz.

Joseph L. Cramer

April 3, 2013—Denver, Colo.

James B. Devine

March 4, 2013—Spanish Springs, Nev.

Pauline M. (Frediani) DiMaggio

April 17, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

Charles W. Fundis

March 10, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Harlan O. Hall

March 1, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Prince A. Hawkins

April 20, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Earl M. Hill

May 19, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Orville V. Larsen

May 2, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

Frank Lepori

March 12, 2013—Phoenix, Ariz.

Ruth M. Slemmons

March 6, 2013—Las Vegas, Nev.

Hale C. Thornton

March 27, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Faculty

John W. Batdorf, emeritus professor of surgery

July 5, 2012—Redding, Calif.

Arnold H. Greehouse, emeritus

faculty of internal medicine

April 19, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Chaitan P. Gupta, emeritus faculty of math

April 26, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Gary J. Hausladen, emeritus faculty of geography

April 8, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Ernest L. Mazzaferri, former dean of medical school

May 14, 2013—Henderson, Nev.

Ann (Gamble) Walts, Department of Agriculture secretary

Mar. 28, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Alumni

Elona L. (Van Sickle) Lynch '38

(English)

April 29, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

Stephen J. Maffi, attended Fall 1942

March 19, 2013—Fallon, Nev.

Patricia L. (Burkhalter) Moore, attended 1945-48

March 4, 2013—Hamilton, New Zealand

Ralph A. Casazza, attended 1947-48

April 4, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Norma J. (Dennis) Scott, attended 1947

March 30, 2013—Hawthorne, Nev.

James H. Bradshaw '48 (economics)

May 12, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Albert C. Nocciolo '50 (physical education)

March 2, 2013—Santa Barbara, Calif.

Wilbur R. Wallace '50 (electrical engineering)

April 21, 2013—Stockton, Calif.

John W. Marvel '51 (political science)

March 16, 2013—Carson City, Nev.

Wilburta (Shidler) Marvel '51

(history)

April 23, 2013—Carson City, Nev.

Gene H. Brown '53 (business administration)

March 8, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Ruth E. (Moore) Eliades '53

(journalism)

March 9, 2013—Newport Beach, Calif.

Evelyn G. Canepa, attended 1954

Feb. 21, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Robert W. Fink, attended Fall 1956

April 23, 2013—Sun Valley, Nev.

Donald B. Bissett '57 (accounting)

March 17, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Dixie K. (Simonsen) Crook '57

(psychology)

April 29, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Charles E. Mueller '58 (marketing)

May 7, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Salvador A. Ruiz '58 (educational administration)

Feb. 28, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

Carl L. Shaff '59 (elementary education), '64M.Ed. (education)

April 27, 2013—Sun City, Ariz.

Samuel S. Jaksick '60 (business

Barbara F. Vucanovich

'04 (honorary degree)

June 10, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Former U.S. Representative Barbara F. Vucanovich passed away on June 10, 2013. She was 91.

Born June 22, 1921 in Camp Dix, New Jersey, Vucanovich was the daughter of Major General Thomas Farrell and Ynez White Farrell. Vucanovich graduated from the Albany Academy for Girls and attended Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart in New York.

In 1982, Vucanovich became the first person elected to Nevada's Second Congressional District and the first woman from Nevada to serve in the House of Representatives. She was elected to seven terms and retired in 1996, serving the second longest tenure of any Nevadan in the House. She was elected Republican Conference Secretary (one of the four leadership positions) in the 104th Congress, making her the first Nevadan to serve in a leadership position in House of Representatives.

Vucanovich served on the Presidential Debate Commission, the Commission to Select White House Fellows, and the Fund Board of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Justices. She was a Board trustee of Saint Mary's Health Network and Casa de Vida, and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The University of Nevada, Reno awarded her an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities in 2004. The main post office in Reno was named the Barbara F. Vucanovich Post Office in her honor.



University President Marc Johnson with Barbara Vucanovich '04 (honorary degree) and her daughter, Patty Cafferata.



Kris A. (Rollins) Pizzaro



Joseph P. Ayarbe
'68M.Ed.



Cynthia G. (Tedford) Wall
'69, '70M.S.



Cheryl M. (Walker) McMullen
'72



John D. Armstrong
'75



Richard J. Kordoban
'76



Edna I. (McCollum) Gallegos
'96



Kelly V. Harris
'02



Eric R. James
'03



Peter J. N. Linnerooth
'04Ph.D.

administration)
April 21, 2013—Incline Village, Nev.

Donald M. Schulz
'60 (business administration)
May 17, 2013—Zephyr Cove, Nev.

Judith L. Vasconcelos
'60 (English, secondary education)
April 7, 2013—Fallon, Nev.

Lynn D. (Walsh) Megquier
'61 (education)
March 7, 2013—Reno, Nev.

David Nyquist
'61 (biology), '63M.S. (zoology)
May 15, 2013—Boulder, Colo.

Valerie J. (Van Nepes) Snebold
'61 (elementary education)
Oct. 23, 2012—Bagley, Minn.

Gerald L. Canepa, attended 1962–66
March 18, 2013—Dallas, Tex.

Thomas G. Keegan
'62 (accounting)
April 18, 2013—Portland, Ore.

John K. Cheever
'63 (accounting), '68MBA (accounting)
Oct. 12, 2012—Upland, Calif.

Gael K. (Hallack) McCollum,
attended 1963–64, 1968, 1980, 1989, 1992
May 9, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Helen T. Stewart, attended 1963–70
March 4, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Richard J. Havens, attended 1966–68
March 20, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Kris A. (Rollins) Pizzaro, attended 1966, 1970–76
April 26, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Larry P. Biglieri, attended 1967–68
March 27, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Joseph P. Ayarbe
'68M.Ed. (school administration)
March 25, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Claire (Bertone) Muzzi, attended 1969–70, 1991–92
March 29, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

Cynthia G. (Tedford) Wall
'69 (business education), '70M.S. (secondary education)
March 27, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Cheryl M. (Walker) McMullen
'72 (history)
April 20, 2013—Reno, Nev.

John D. Armstrong
'75 (earth science)
March 5, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Richard S. Welsh, attended 1975–82, 1984–85
March 28, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Michael J. Buttler
'76A.A. (electronic tech)
May 7, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Barbara E. (Townley) Codega,
attended 1976–82
March 19, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Richard J. Kordoban
'76 (history)
April 8, 2013—Oregon City, Ore.

Lawrence R. Bowen
'79 (social psychology)
April 15, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Dillard L. DeHart
'79M.S. (chemistry), '80 (chemical engineering)
March 28, 2013—Reno, Nev.

Connie M. Read
'81M.Ed. (educational administration/higher education)
Feb. 28, 2013—Portland, Ore.

Carol K. Fleischmann
'84 (history)
Feb. 9, 2013—Auburn, Calif.

Edna I. (McCollum) Gallegos
'96 (accounting)
March 31, 2013—Laramie, Wyo.

Kelly V. Harris
'02 (English)
March 19, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

Eric R. James
'03 (environmental engineering)
March 22, 2013—Verdi, Nev.

Peter J. N. Linnerooth
'04Ph.D. (psychology)
Jan. 2, 2013—Mankato, Minn.

Jessica T. (Kerivan) Hagar
'07 (journalism)
April 4, 2013—Scottsdale, Ariz.

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Dorothy (Sewell) Gallagher
'47 (premedical), '11 (honorary degree)
May 15, 2013—Elko, Nev.

Dorothy Gallagher, a 1947 graduate of the University and a longtime member of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board

of Regents, passed away May 15, 2013. She was 87. Gallagher was a fourth-generation Nevadan and a member of one of Nevada's most distinguished families. Her father, Harvey Sewell, founded Nevada National Bank in 1939. She received her bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Nevada in 1947. She was married to prominent Elko dentist Dr. Tom Gallagher since 1947.

She was first elected to the Board of Regents in 1980, representing 11 counties in rural Nevada. She served on the Board until 2002 when she retired. She returned to the Board in 2004 when her appointed predecessor chose not to run. Her fifth term on the Board of Regents concluded with her retirement in 2010.

Gallagher's Board of Regents service included serving as chair of the Board of Regents (1989–91), Academic, Research and Student Affairs (1993–95, 1997–98), and Budget and Finance Committee (1989–90, 1995–96).

Her awards and honors include the prestigious gold medallion from the Mining and Metallurgical Society of America in 2009 (becoming the first woman ever to receive the honor); the Nevada Hospital Association's Trustee Excellence Award (1994), Nevada Women's Fund Hall of Fame Award for Education (1989) and the University of Nevada, Reno's Alumnus of the Year award in 2009. In 2003, along with her husband, she was named a Distinguished Nevadan by the Board of Regents.

In 2011, she was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from the University.

—John Trent '85/'87, '00M.A.



Dorothy Gallagher, '47, '11 (honorary degree), is inducted into the University's Honor Court in 2011.



Photo by M.D. Welch

Scott Frost '88 in front of the recently opened Hussong's Cantina located in the Silver Legacy Resort Casino in Reno.

Alumni Profile:

Scott Allen Frost '88 (*marketing*)

Age: **46**

Occupation: **President of Titan Brands**

What has your life been like since graduation?

While working for Searle Pharmaceuticals, I co-owned a day care in Sparks. I was 23. That was one of the toughest jobs I've ever had. Searle moved me to the Bay Area when the company launched Ambien. I became one of the top Ambien salesmen in the country. I honed my sales skills and really learned how to read people and figure out what motivates them.

From there I got into telecommunications, which led me to Las Vegas. I was on a business trip in Newark, N.J., on Sept. 11, 2001. Being so close to that horrific experience, I realized that life is precious. I came home and decided to start my own consulting firm. This freed me up to follow my passions and allowed me to work in a variety of different fields, meet some fantastically smart people and have some very colorful experiences. In 2006, three other partners and I started Titan Brands.

On May 10, 2009, I was paralyzed from the chest down in an off-road motorcycle accident and was almost killed. I realized I was the same guy from the shoulders up: I could still talk, be creative and motivate people. Being 100 percent dependent on others around you to get things done, I learned very quickly that you have to

give to get, and you better be a really nice guy because no one likes to help a jerk. After nine days in the ICU, I spent the next 80 days in a rehabilitation hospital working hard to regain function of my body. To take my mind off the grueling rehabilitation, I continued my work with Titan. My partners and I negotiated a lease, funded and built our first restaurant, Hussong's Cantina at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. Most recently, we opened our third restaurant, Hussong's Cantina at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino here in Reno. I am excited to be working in my hometown again.

What is your fondest memory from your days at Nevada?

I had some great professors, and I took full advantage of everything that campus life had to offer. I had the quintessential 80s college experience. There isn't a thing I would change about my four years at Nevada. I was an active member in the Sigma Nu fraternity. I was very fortunate to have great brothers, many of whom I am still friends with today. I was active in student organizations and politics.

My fondest memory is running for ASUN president in 1987. I filed five minutes before


the deadline, had no idea what I was doing and ran a creative grassroots campaign, which was hard work and a lot of fun. I can honestly say I knocked on every dorm room door on campus; I literally had calluses on my knuckles. People still talk about my 24-hour long "Meet the Candidate" barbecue that I held outside the Jot Travis Student Union. To say I had some interesting conversations is an understatement. The experience helped me fine-tune my public speaking skills and taught me to think on my feet, which is one of my strengths today. I also had to deal with the sting of defeat, which is a real character builder.

What have you done that you are most proud of?

I am most proud of my two children, both of whom decided to enroll at Nevada. I am really proud of how I handled my accident; facing this adversity made me a stronger and better man. Anything is possible if you put your mind to it. It sounds cliché, but it really is true. Sometimes you literally have to will things to happen. It's been great to be a partner in my company and contribute to its growth and success each day.

What advice would you give someone who is just starting out after college?

Realize that there are a myriad of possibilities. Technology and a true global economy have created so many opportunities that simply didn't exist when I graduated. Keep your eye on the big picture. Become an expert in something and exploit your expertise in a field that you are truly passionate about. Know that you don't have to "punch a clock" to make a living. If you want to be your own boss or build your own company, you are going to have to work harder, experience more failures and sacrifice more than most people are willing.

The rewards to this journey, however, far exceed all expectations. 



Noted biomedical researcher Mick Hitchcock steps forward to fund research at Nevada

Maggie Tarrant-Elorza, a graduate research assistant with the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, with Mick Hitchcock, who is providing bridge funding to the medical school for student research.

When noted biomedical researcher Mick Hitchcock learned that the recent federal sequester would affect basic science research funding at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, he wasn't about to sit back and watch it happen.

"I became passionate about the field of research as a graduate student researcher, and I felt strongly that I wanted to help out," says Hitchcock, a senior advisor to bio-pharmaceutical company Gilead.

Having played a key role in developing groundbreaking HIV drugs, Hitchcock reached out to James Kenyon, senior associate dean of research and director of the Nevada IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence, a National Institutes of Health program designed to help traditionally underfunded states build biomedical infrastructure. Hitchcock saw Kenyon speaking on television about the effects of the across-the-board spending cuts, known as sequestration, which went into

effect earlier this year.

Frustration turned to action, with Hitchcock quickly establishing the Michael J.M. Hitchcock, Ph.D. Fund for Graduate Assistants and the Michael J.M. Hitchcock, Ph.D. Fund for Undergraduate Research Opportunities to provide bridge funding to the school so that student research may continue uninterrupted.

"I still can't believe that Dr. Hitchcock was willing to give his own hard-earned money to fill the gap that was going to result in a lot of 'lab-less' graduate students," says Maggie Tarrant-Elorza, a graduate research assistant with the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. "The gift will allow me to follow through with my graduate project studying human cytomegalovirus latency and give me the opportunity to achieve a career as a research scientist."

Hitchcock has worked for more than 30 years in the bio-pharmaceutical industry. He spent 12 years at Bristol-Myers Squibb before

joining Gilead. Together with former Bristol colleague John Martin, he developed Viread, approved by the FDA in 2001 as a once-daily pill to treat HIV. Before Viread, a reported 90 percent of AIDS patients had to take as many as a dozen pills throughout the day, suffering side effects including gauntness, anemia and liver damage. Subsequently they developed Atripla, approved in 2006 as the first single-tablet regimen for treatment of HIV that includes the active component of Viread and two other drugs. The ease of use made it a popular choice for physicians and patients.

"Our scientists and graduate students stand every day on the edge of scientific discovery," says Thomas L. Schwenk, M.D., dean of the School of Medicine. "An interruption to their important work could lead to significant delays in providing new treatments and methods of caring for patients. We are grateful to have found a friend and advocate in Mick."

—Roseann Keegan

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LIVE: Wolf Blitzer at the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Banquet

The University of Nevada, Reno Foundation is pleased to announce Emmy award-winning journalist Wolf Blitzer as the keynote speaker for its 32nd Annual Foundation Banquet. Wolf Blitzer is CNN's lead political anchor and the anchor of *The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer*, CNN's fast-paced, political news program.

Blitzer is also known for his in-depth reporting on international news – covering everything from the first Gulf War to his rare visit to North Korea. He was CNN's senior White House Correspondent from 1992 until 1999 and has interviewed some of recent history's most notable figures such as former presidents Bill Clinton and Ronald Reagan.



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